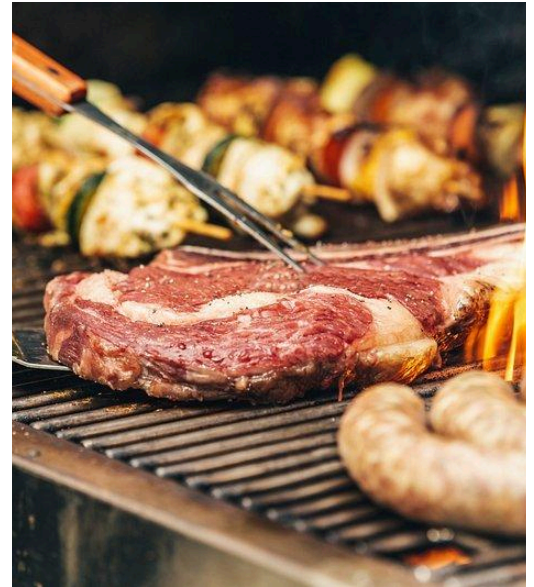


Wall Township Bureau of Fire Prevention

Grilling Safety

Everyone enjoys a good BBQ, and making sure it is enjoyed safely should be a priority for everyone. Along with all the delicious food, the summer grilling season brings an increased risk of grill fires. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) says July is the peak month for grill fires, followed by June, May and August. Following some basic safety tips will make sure your BBQ is safe and delicious.



NJ Grilling Rules

New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, administered by the NJ Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety, recognizes provisions within the International Code Council's International Fire Code (IFC) to address precautions against fire.

Section 308.1.4 Open-flame cooking and outdoor fireplaces. Charcoal burners, other open-flame cooking devices and outdoor fireplaces shall not be operated or stored on combustible balconies or decks or within 5 feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One and two family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by automatic sprinkler systems.

3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container not greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.45kg) LP-gas capacity].

Section 308.1.4.1 Liquefied-petroleum gas fueled cooking devices. LP-gas burners having an LP-gas container with a water capacity greater than 2 ½ pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.45kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048mm) of combustible construction. Portable LP-gas cooking equipment such as barbecue grills and outdoor fireplaces shall not be stored or used:

1. On any porch, balcony or any other portion of a building;
2. Within any room or space of a building;
3. Within five feet of any combustible construction;
4. Within five feet, vertically or horizontally, of an opening in any wall; or
5. Under any building overhang.

Exception:

Detached owner-occupied one and two family dwellings.

Safety Tips

- Only use grills outside.
- Keep children and pets away from the grilling area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease and fat buildup to prevent fires.
- Never leave your grill or any open flame unattended.
- Never use lighter fluid and only use self-igniting charcoal.
- Make sure charcoal grill coals are cool before disposing of them.
- Be courteous to your neighbors and keep smoke to a minimum.
- Make sure the gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Keep a portable fire extinguisher within reach whenever grilling.