



# Fourth of July Safety Checklist



## GRILLING

- Use grills outdoors only and at least 10 feet away from a house or any building.
- Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or under a surface that can catch fire.
- The grill should be placed well away from deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area by declaring a 3-foot “kid-free” safety zone around the grill.
- Grills should be kept clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill itself and in the trays below the grill.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Keep lit cigarettes, matches or open flames away from the grill.
- Sunscreen is flammable. Do not apply aerosol sunscreen near a grill or open flame.



### Charcoal Grills

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the lit fire.
- Never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers. Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Since charcoal produces carbon monoxide (CO) fumes, until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.
- Store charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

### Gas Grills

- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks.
- If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when operating a gas grill.
- Never start a fire with gasoline or other flammable products.

## FIREWORKS

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays hosted by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.
- Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times.
- Do not give children sparklers or allow them to pick up fireworks or other novelty items.



If your friends or family members refuse to stop using fireworks, please be sure they follow these tips:

- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
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