

# Cooking on a Barbecue



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## Barbecuing with charcoal and propane

Portable charcoal grills are designed for outdoor use. They are dangerous when used in a confined area. Gas grills may be specially designed for indoor use, but they must be carefully installed to allow toxic gases to vent outside.

### Charcoal grills

Only charcoal briquettes should be used in charcoal grills. To ignite charcoal briquettes, use charcoal lighter fluids that are specially manufactured for this purpose. The use of any other flammable liquid is not recommended. **Never use** gasoline as a charcoal lighter fuel.

To light charcoal briquettes, sprinkle them with charcoal lighter fluid and allow it to soak in. Wait approximately 10 minutes. Never add additional fluid after igniting your barbecues. Light briquettes with a long match or a mechanical lighter designed for



barbecues.

Keep your barbecue uncovered during start up and never lean over the grill during ignition.



Place your barbecue away from combustibles before igniting.

When cooking on a patio or deck, ensure that your barbecue can't tip onto combustible

materials.

Before storing your charcoal barbecue, dispose of the ashes by soaking them with water and placing them in a covered metal container.

The use of barbecues on apartment building balconies is not recommended.

### Gas grill

Purchase a gas grill that meets standards of approval. If your grill needs assembly, follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. If you need assistance, contact your nearest gas grill retailer.

Before using, check for leaks by applying a mixture of soap and water to all connections, hoses and the gas

cylinder head. If bubbles form, you have a leak. Tighten the connections or replace the defective parts. A trained professional should replace defective parts.

Before igniting your grill, make sure the lid is open to prevent gas build up.

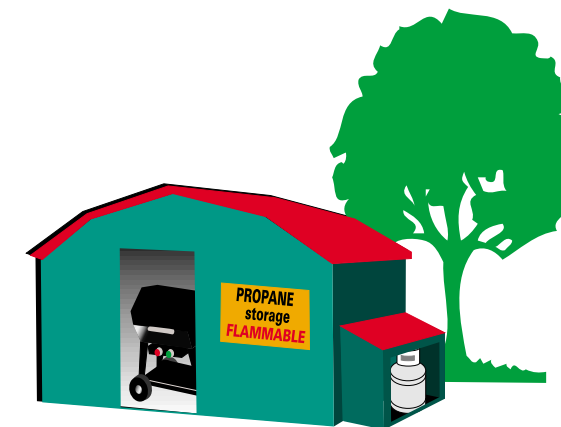
Use the igniter button or a lighter designed for barbecues to light your grill.

Never ignite a gas grill with a match or cigarette lighter. You will be burned.

Keep your grill away from combustibles when cooking. When cooking on a deck, ensure that your grill will not tip over.

Gas grills should not be used on the balconies of apartment buildings. The danger of toxic fumes, explosions and accidental fire spreading to other apartments is too great.

When storing your gas grill, make sure the tank and the grill are both turned off. Never store a gas grill indoors with the tank attached. If you plan to store your grill inside — remember to



remove the tank first.

**Follow these steps when moving your tank:**

- Go directly to the refill station and home.
- Keep the tank in an upright position at all times.
- Keep a window open to avoid breathing toxic fumes.
- Make sure your tank is equipped with a safety plug.
- Never leave a tank in an enclosed space such as the trunk of your car.
- Never smoke while refilling, reconnecting or while transporting the tank.

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