

Barbeque grills:

- Keep grills at least 10' from any structure.
- Never use a grill in a garage or carport.
- Before using a gas grill, check hoses & connections for leaks (use soapy water).
- Check that the venture tubes-where the gas & air mix-are not blocked.
- Only use propane tanks that have a 3-pronged valve; this is an indicator that there is overfill protection on the tank.
- Designate the grilling area a "No Play Zone" keeping kids & toys well away.
- Never put hot ashes or coals in plastic, wood, or paper containers.
- Keep hot ashes and coals at least 10" from anything combustible; better yet, soak them in water & stir to make sure they're cooled off.
- Use only starter fluid intended for barbeque grills; do not use gasoline!

Gas Appliances:

- Re-fuel gas powered equipment away from the house, not in the garage or under the porch.
- Let gas powered equipment cool off away from the house before storing it.
- Only use approved/listed containers for storing fuel.
- Never refill containers while they are in your vehicle. Always place container on the ground. This provides a ground for any static electricity buildup.

General:

- Have a garden hose or fire extinguisher nearby when doing any type of hotwork (for example soldering) inside your house.
- Always check the work area ½ hour after you're finished for hot spots or smoldering areas. Ensure contractors working in your home do the same.

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