

Propane Gas Grill and Range Safety Tips

Propane Grill Do's:

• Always use the grill **outdoors** in a well-ventilated area. **Do not bring propane cylinders indoors or into an enclosed space** such as a

garage or basement.

- Always follow all of the manufacturer's instructions and keep written materials and manuals in a safe, accessible place.
- Make sure the grill burner controls are turned off. Keep the cylinder valve closed when not in use.
- Make sure the gas grill is shut off and cooled off before covering your grill after use.
- Always use or store cylinders in an upright, vertical position. Store them **outdoors** away from sources of ignition.
- When you have your cylinder refilled, have your supplier check for dents, damage, rust or leaks.
- After filling, take your cylinder home immediately. Keep your vehicle ventilated with the cylinder valve closed and plugged or capped. Do **not** leave the cylinder in your car.
- When your grill is not in use, cover disconnected hose-end fittings and burner air intakes with small plastic bags, or obtain protective fitting caps from your propane supplier to keep out dirt, insects and moisture.
- Before lighting your propane gas grill burner, use a leak-detection solution to check all connections for tightness. Contact your local propane gas supplier to obtain the leak-detection solution and instructions on how to use it.
- Never use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
- If there is a significant and uncontrollable release of gas or a fire, **call the fire department immediately and move all people and pets away from the unit.**

Propane Grill Don'ts:

- **Do not smoke** while handling the propane cylinder.
- Do not leave the cylinder in your vehicle.
- Do not use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
- Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.
- Do not use, store or transport your cylinder where it would be exposed to high temperatures. (This includes storing spare cylinders under or near the grill.)

Propane Gas Range Do's:

- Follow the manufacturer's installation and operating instructions.
- Have your unit serviced if the burner flame is not blue. The blue flame indicates complete combustion. A yellow flame means air inlets are clogged or burners need to be adjusted.
- Keep pot handles turned inward.

- Schedule regular preventive maintenance checks for your appliances.
- Keep the range surface clean.

Propane Gas Range Don'ts:

- Do **not** cover the oven bottom with foil it can restrict air circulation.
- **Never** use gas ranges for space heating.
- **Never** allow children to turn the burner control knobs on your propane gas range.
- Do not leave food simmering unattended.
- Keep flammable materials away from burner flames.

For more safety information, read the latest CPSC fact sheet on safe grilling: <u>http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01185.html</u>

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