

Holiday Cooking Safety

Kitchen Safety

- Clean the oven and the stove prior to the holidays—The excess usage can cause grease to build up and cause a fire
- Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear clothes with short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Turn pot handles inward on the stove where you can't bump them and children can't grab them.
- Don't lay potholders near or on the stove—They can catch fire.
- When lifting lids off hot pots be careful to avoid the hot steam.
- If grease catches fire in a pan, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the heat source.
- If you do try to extinguish the fire, it is best to use a class ABC fire extinguisher and do not spray the grease out of the pan.
- If there is a fire in the oven, turn the oven off.
- If you do have a stove fire get everyone out of the house and call 911.



Grilling Safety

- No charcoal cooker, brazier, hibachi or grill or any gasoline or other flammable liquid or liquefied petroleum (propane) gas-fire stove or similar device shall be used or stored on the balconies or within 15 feet of any apartment building or other structures with similar occupancy.
- Grills should be placed far enough away from any home, structure or combustibles so an adequate amount of air can circulate. A minimum of 15 feet is recommended.
- Charcoal must be kept dry. Wet charcoal can spontaneously ignite.
- Spare propane bottles should be stored outside away from the home—A back-yard shed is a good place.
- Keep children away from the grill. Grills continue to give off heat long after the cooking has stopped.
- Dispose of grill ashes in a safe fashion. Never place hot ashes in paper or plastic bags or containers. Only use metal containers for hot ashes.
- Keep "grill" type lighters out of children's reach at all times. These lighters are propane fueled and are NOT child proof.

