

BARBECUES AND OTHER PORTABLE COOKING APPLIANCES

HOW DO I USE THEM SAFELY?



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There are certain risks associated with the use of barbecues and other portable cooking appliances. It is essential to not only use them properly, but to also safely store and maintain them.

Gas barbecue safety inspection

- Clean the interior and exterior of the barbecue.
- Ensure moving parts are free of debris.
- Ensure that the control knobs are set to off.
- Leave the lid open and carefully turn on the gas.
- Spray soapy water on all fittings to determine if there are any gas leaks.
- Replace defective parts if bubbles form when you turn on the gas.

When using your gas barbecue

- Make sure that you are in a well-ventilated area away from any combustible material such as a canopy, tent or winter car shelter.
- Keep barbecues out of children's reach.
- Be sure to turn off the barbecue by first turning off the gas, and then, once the flame is out, turning off the control knobs.
- After use, leave the barbecue far from doors or windows to avoid the risk of gas seeping into the house if there is a leak.

Using a wood coal or gas barbecue is prohibited:

- under a combustible balcony or combustible structure;
- inside a building;
- within one metre (3 feet) of any combustible cladding, a door or a window.

Propane tanks

Propane tanks must not be thrown out with household garbage even if they appear empty; they must be returned to a propane distributor. In addition, it is prohibited to use or store a propane tank:

- under a combustible balcony or combustible structure;
- inside a building;
- within one metre (3 feet) of any opening in a building such as a vent, a door or a window;
- under an exit stairwell;
- below ground level;
- on the roof of a building.

