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The Recipe for Grilling Safety

Many backyard gatherings are centered around the grill. However, in spite of how great grilled foods taste, gas and charcoal grills can be dangerous. Consider these tips to ensure grilling safety.

- Do not let children and pets play near the grilling area when cooking until the grill is completely cool.
- Place your grill at least 3 feet away from other objects, including your house, trees, and outdoor seating.
- Use starter fluid for barbecue grills that use charcoal only. Do not use starter fluid for gas grills.
- Check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to make sure it is not leaking and is working properly before using a gas grill.
- If you suspect that your gas grill is leaking, turn off the gas and get the unit fixed before lighting it. Never use a match to check for leaks.
- Do not bring your grill into an unventilated or enclosed space such as the garage or inside of your home. This is not only a major fire hazard; it is also a carbon monoxide hazard.

Take Steps to Avoid Burns

Not only can grills start fires, but they can also cause burns. That's why it's important to exercise caution as you flip foods on the grill to ensure that your hands and arms do not get burned.

Specifically, be sure to use long-handled utensils to help keep your hands at a safe distance from the flames. Lastly, store baking soda nearby the grill to quickly put out potential grease fires.

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