

# Public Service Announcement

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## Safer summer barbecuing - in six easy steps!

Edmontonians know that summer is barbecue season, but sometimes we forget safe practices after the long winter months. Edmonton Fire Rescue Services wants to remind residents of a few easy ways to barbecue safely this summer:



- Always check all fittings, cylinder connections and flex hoses for wear, rust or leaks before lighting your barbecue for the first time in the spring or any time you replace the tank. If you suspect a leak or smell a gas odour, shut off the cylinder; do not try to light the grill. If you suspect your barbecue is leaking gas, turn off the supply of propane at the cylinder and leave the area immediately. Get away from the leaking tank before phoning 911.
- Whether gas or charcoal, never leave your barbecue unattended, and keep it well away from buildings, fences and combustible items.
- Always keep children and pets away from a hot barbecue.
- Do not bring your propane tank indoors or store in enclosed spaces such as a garage or vehicle.
- Never use flammable liquids near heat, or any open flame (such as a pilot light), or while smoking.
- Never move a lit barbecue, and make sure the grill is shut off and has completely cooled before covering the barbecue when you've finished cooking.

If you experience a fire while barbecuing, quickly get away from the barbecue and then call 911.

### For more information:

Visit [Barbecue Safety](#)

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