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Property Protection Monitoring, Inc. is a family owned monitoring station in New England. We have been in business since 1998 and pride ourselves in offering customized services tailored to every client's needs.

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Covid-19 Statement: As always, Property Protection Monitoring, Inc. will remain open 24 hours a day 7 days per week during this time of transition. Our staff remains available to you while following CDC guidelines.

Remember to wash your hands and practice social distancing.



SPRING CHECK UP TIME

We have changed the clocks and daylight is getting longer. This is the perfect time to run through our safety checklist.

- ✓ Smoke detectors should be less than 10 years old (dates can be found on the smoke detector head);
- ✓ Motion sensors – vacuum and dust around sensors;
- ✓ Fire extinguishers – do they need to be inspected and recharged?;
- ✓ Chimneys and fireplaces – annual cleaning and inspection;
- ✓ Flashlights and battery-operated candles: - do they have fresh batteries and are they easily accessible?;
- ✓ Propane tanks – check for leaks;
- ✓ Gas tanks – should be stored outside the home in a contained area;
- ✓ Clothes dryers - make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating.

NFPA Outdoor Grilling Tips

The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) offers these sensible outdoor grilling tips to help you keep your cookout safe and fun.

- ✓ Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ✓ Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- ✓ Declare the entire grill area a "kid-free zone" until the grill has completely cooled off.
- ✓ Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.
- ✓ If you have a charcoal grill, purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.
- ✓ If you have a propane grill, check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. Have leaking fuel lines repaired before using.
- ✓ All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.
- ✓ If you are using fluid to start a charcoal grill, use only fluid intended for this purpose. It is extremely dangerous to substitute any other combustible liquid to start the coals. This is especially true for gasoline, which can be ignited explosively by even a tiny spark.
- ✓ Apply starter fluid directly to the coals, then reseal and put away the can. Light the coals carefully, avoiding the flame flare-up. Store the can out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- ✓ When you've finished cooking, keep an eye on the grill until it has completely cooled. Charcoal can be soaked with water to speed the cooling process; however, use extreme caution to avoid the steam and splatters that can cause burns.



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