

Fire Extinguishers

If used properly, a fire extinguisher is a great tool to save lives and property.

How to Use a Fire Extinguisher

P

Pull the pin

of the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.

A

Aim low

at the base of the fire.

S

Squeeze

the lever slowly and evenly.

S

Sweep

the nozzle from side-to-side.













Use a Fire Extinguisher AFTER

- 9-1-1 has been notified
- notifying others there is a fire
- confirming the fire is small enough to be controlled

Fire Extinguisher Types

Specific extinguishers work on fires involving specific materials.

Familiarize yourself with these specifications to have the right type of extinguisher available.

CLASS OF FIRE	TYPE OF FIRE	APPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHER
  Ordinary Combustibles	Wood, paper, cloth	Type A; Type A-B
  Flammable Liquids	Gasoline, paints, oils, grease	Type A-B; Type B-C; Type A-B-C
  Live Electrical Equipment	Electrical wiring, fuse box	Type B-C; Type A-B-C
  Combustible Metal	Metals	Bucket of Sand
  Commercial Cooking Equipment	Commercial cooking oil appliances	*Wet Chemical

*Class K extinguishers may require specific training, including when they should be used or not used. For example, the extinguishing agents in many Class K extinguishers are electrically conductive and should only be used after electrical power to the kitchen appliance has been shut off.



GRILLING SAFETY

- Only use grills outdoors.
- Place grills away from structures.
- Keep grills clean.
- Always open a gas grill lid before lighting.
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Follow the **3 feet rule**.

PROPANE GRILLS



Before use:

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose; a leak will cause bubbles.



If there is a leak:

Turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak appears to stop, have the grill serviced by a professional. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.



If you smell gas:

Immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

When lighting a charcoal grill, use a long match or lighter to avoid burns.

Use only charcoal starter fluid.

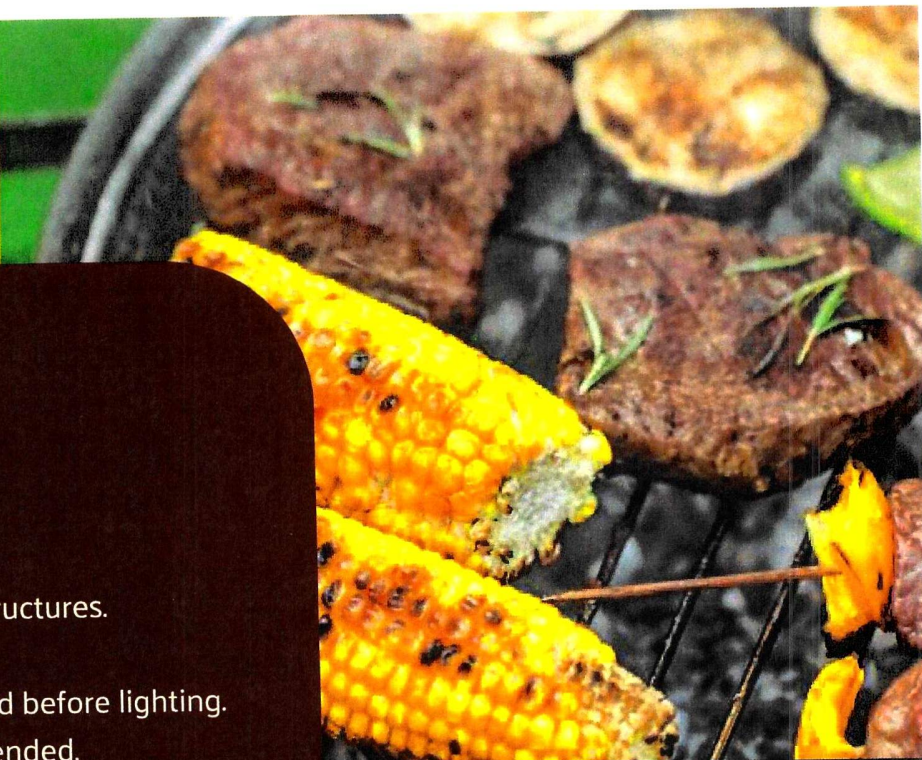
Once started, never add charcoal starter fluid or any flammable liquids to the fire.

Store charcoal starter fluid outside, out of reach of children, and away from heat sources.

Allow coals to completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

*** July is the peak month for grill fires.**

*** Roughly half of grilling injuries are thermal burns.**



Cooking Safety



Prevention

- Stay alert while cooking. Never cook while sleepy or intoxicated.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep flammable items away from cooking sources.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing that can dangle over the stovetop.
- Do not use your oven or microwave as a storage space.
- Use back burners when young children or pets are present.

Responding to a Small Kitchen Fire



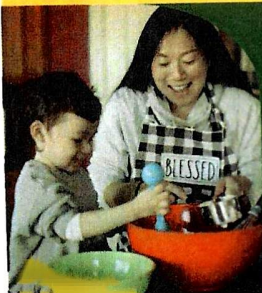
In the event of a kitchen appliance fire, turn off/ unplug the appliance.



For a small pan fire with grease, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Do not move the pan.



If the oven or microwave catches fire, turn it off and close the door. After a fire, have the appliance checked by a licensed professional and serviced before being used again.



3 FEET RULE

Keep pets, children, and anything that is flammable at least 3 feet away from any heat source.

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