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Dear Sir or Madam,

It's that time again when everyone is enjoying wonderful back yard cookouts using gas or charcoal grills and barbecues. It is also time to take some safety measures to ensure a safe grilling season.

Each year the Clark County Fire Department answers numerous 911 calls, reporting fires that are the result of improper use or operation of grills, barbecues and similar devices. Many times these fires end in the destruction of homes and property causing significant losses.

The enclosed Advisory #09002 is being issued to all apartment, condominium, townhouse owners and managers in Clark County. Please take the time to review this important safety advisory and fire codes regarding residential barbecues and outdoor cooking.

Enclosed you will find a safety notification letter for owners and managers of apartments condominiums, townhouses. A tenant notification letter and a barbecue grilling safety handout are also provided. Feel free to reproduce these materials as needed for distribution.

If you have any questions or concerns about these issues, please contact our department at (702) 455-7316. Thank you for your assistance in making Clark County a safe place to visit, work and live.

Sincerely,

Girard W. Page  
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## CLARK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY #09002

Clark County Fire Department would like to make you aware of some fire safety regulations and requirements for the use of grills and barbecues for the cooking of food at residential occupancies. In accordance with the Clark County Fire Code (CCFC) these are the following requirements for outdoor cooking at apartments, condominiums and other residential occupancies.

The Clark County Fire Department utilizes the following codes to regulate and enforce the use of the above mentioned devices and activities:

- **2005 Clark County Fire Code, Article 11 - General Safety Precautions**

**1102.6 Residential Barbecues** – Outdoor cooking at apartment, condominium and other residential occupancies with portable barbecuing equipment is prohibited within 10 feet of any building wall, overhang, balcony or opening.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Electric Barbecues
2. Group R, Division 3 Occupancies - Known as (Single Family Residences).

The storage of LPG fueled barbecues and equipment is prohibited within living quarters.

**1102.5.2.2 Location** – Barbecue pits outside of buildings shall not be located within 10 feet of combustible wall or roofs or other combustible material.

Every year, people are killed or injured in fires and explosions caused by the malfunction or careless use of barbecue grills and outdoor cooking. Taking preventable actions, following the owners manual and the safety tips provided, you can reduce the risk of an unwanted fire or injury. The fire codes listed above are for your safety. Thank you in advance for your corporation, compliance and enforcement of these codes.



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# Barbecue Grill Safety

### A Fact Sheet on Barbecue Grilling

With more people using barbecue grills than ever before, it is important to always remember that anytime you work with fire there is a chance of getting burned. Keep safety in mind when setting up, using and cleaning up after an outdoor grill.

### Setting Up

- Always read the owner's manual before using your grill and follow the assembly guidelines and safety.
- Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only. Never barbecue in an enclosed area because carbon monoxide can accumulate and kill you.
- Set-up your grill in an open area at least 10 feet away from buildings, overhead combustible surfaces, dry leaves and brush.
- Before using your grill, make sure all parts are firmly in place and the grill is on a flat surface.

### Fueling

- For those who want to barbecue, regardless of whether they are in a private home, apartment or condominium, the Clark County Fire Dept. recommends the use of certified propane cylinders as the safest grilling fuel source.
- Inspect your propane grill to make certain all connections are tight before turning on the gas. Spray soapy water on all gas connections and supply lines.

If you see soapy bubbles, turn off the tank and try reconnecting or have the leaking fuel lines repaired before using.

If you have a charcoal grill, purchase and use the proper starter fluid recommended by the manufacturer. **NEVER** use gasoline or any other flammable to light charcoal.

Apply starter fluid directly to the coals and let it soak into the coals for a minute before lighting. If the coals start to die out fan them to feed the flame. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire.

### During Use

From the time you light the barbecue until you are finished cooking, stay with your fire.

- Do not leave starter fluid, lighters or matches within the reach of children.
- Use the proper tools. Long handled barbecue utensils and flame retardant mitts will prevent burns from heat and flame.

### Cleaning Up

Keep an eye on the grill, even after you have finished cooking.

- When finished using your propane barbecue, always make sure that you not only turn off the barbecue but shut off the propane too.
- Allow coals to cool for 48 hours before disposing. If you are not able to wait, douse coals with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place coals in plastic, paper or wooden containers. Only metal containers are recommended.

### Use in Apartments & Condominiums

The use of barbecues in apartments, condominiums and multi-family dwellings is subject to regulation under the Clark County Fire Code. Anyone with any questions should contact their complex manager for specific requirements at your complex.



### For More Information Contact:

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## Clark County Fire Department Safety Notification

TO: All Apartment, Condominium, Townhouse Owners / Managers

RE: Residential Fire Safety Regulations for the Use of Grills and Barbecue Cooking

Clark County Fire Department would like to make you aware of some fire safety regulations and requirements for the use of grills and barbecues for the cooking of food at residential occupancies. In accordance with the Clark County Fire Code (CCFC) these are the following requirements for outdoor cooking at apartments, condominiums and other residential occupancies.

1102.6 & 1102.5.2.2 Residential Barbecues & Pits – Outdoor cooking at apartment, condominium and other residential occupancies with portable barbecuing equipment and pits is prohibited within 10 feet of any building wall, overhang, balcony or opening.

### EXCEPTIONS:

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It is the responsibility of the property owner and or manager to notify all tenants of this code requirement. A tenant acknowledgment letter should be provided for each tenant to sign. The signed tenant letter should be kept on file at your complex for Fire Department review.

Your complex may have further specific regulations for the use of grills and barbecues such as designated areas for outdoor cooking activities.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Clark County Fire Prevention Bureau at 702-455-7316 or [www.fire.co.clark.nv.us](http://www.fire.co.clark.nv.us). Clark County Fire Department wishes your complex a safe and fulfilling grilling season. Thank you for your assistance in making Clark County a safe place to visit, work and live.

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TO: All Tenants who reside in Apartments, Condominiums, or Townhouses

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please complete and sign this form that you have read and understand the safety regulations for the use of grills and barbecue cooking. Return the signed letter to your complex manager. A copy of this signed letter will be kept on file for Fire Department review

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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