



## Taking Your Barbecue Out of Storage

At the start of the barbecue season, after an extended period out of use, or when you change the propane cylinder, complete this three-step safety check:

- 1. Clean:** Use a pipe cleaner or wire to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
- 2. Check:** Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners. Replace if cracked or damaged.
- 3. Test:** Find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to propane cylinder connections and hoses. If bubbles appear, tighten the connection and/or replace the damaged parts and retest.  
Never use matches or lighters to check for leaks. If you have concerns about a leak, contact a qualified service technician.

## Using the Barbecue

Follow these steps in the right order when igniting a barbecue:

- 1.** Open the lid.
- 2.** Open the propane cylinder service valve.
- 3.** Turn on grill/burner valves or heat settings.
- 4.** Take a step back.
- 5.** Push the igniter button. If there is no igniter button, insert a long match or barbecue lighter through the side burner hole first, then turn on the heat control knob.
- 6.** If the burner does not ignite right away, turn the gas off and wait five minutes, keeping the lid open, before repeating the procedure.

## Propane Cylinders – Know the Rules

- Only a qualified individual may fill your propane cylinder. If you are unsure, ask to see their certification or record of training.
- Store cylinders off the ground, away from heat or sources of ignition, on a non-combustible base and never store or place spare cylinders under or near the barbecue.
- In Canada, propane cylinders must be replaced or inspected and requalified every 10 years. It is against the law to fill an expired or damaged cylinder.
- Never throw propane cylinders in household waste or recycling containers. Contact your municipality regarding disposal options.
- Questions? Rules and regulations are administered by provincial and federal authorities. Contact information is available at [www.propane.ca](http://www.propane.ca).

## Keep it Outside!

Barbecues are approved for outdoor use only. They emit carbon monoxide (CO), a colourless, odourless gas that is dangerous in enclosed spaces, and can lead to unconsciousness and even death. Never barbecue in a garage, tent or other enclosed space.

Always use and store your barbecue and propane cylinders outdoors, upright, in a stable, well-ventilated area.

## Barbecue Do's and Don'ts

### DO...

- ✓ Keep loose clothing away from a hot barbecue.
- ✓ Keep children and pets at a safe distance.
- ✓ Turn gas valve off first when finished, then turn off the burner controls, so no gas is left in the connecting hose.
- ✓ Allow the barbecue to cool completely before closing the cover.
- ✓ If you suspect a leak or the barbecue is not working correctly, contact a qualified service technician.

### DON'T...

- ✗ Don't leave the barbecue unattended when in use.
- ✗ Don't allow grease to build up on the burners or at the base of the barbecue, as this could cause a grease fire.
- ✗ Don't throw water on a grease fire – this will only spread the flame.
- ✗ Don't position your barbecue too close to wooden fences or walls. Make sure the area behind your barbecue is free of combustible material, since this is where hot gases escape.
- ✗ Never use lighter fluid or other accelerants on the grill.
- ✗ Don't store or use a barbecue on your apartment balcony unless you have authorization.

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