

SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Stay safe this summer!

Grilling Safety

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and kept well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging vegetation.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from all grills. Half of all injuries involving grills are thermal burns.
- Never leave a grill unattended, even for a few seconds.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the racks and catch pans.
- While it is important to remember grilling safety any time, July is the peak month for grill fires.

Fireworks

- The National Fire Protection Association discourages the use of consumer fireworks including sparklers, as they can reach temperatures of 1200 degrees F. For reference, glass melts at 900 degrees F.
- Sparklers account for a quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.
- Each year there are more than 16,000 reported fires caused by fireworks.
- If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- Always keep a close eye on children when fireworks are being used.

Water Safety

- Never swim alone, and always make sure that there is a lifeguard or another person who is not in the water can watch while people are in the water.
- Always supervise children when they are in the water. As a rule of thumb, a parent should be within arm's reach of a young child at all times.
- Young children and inexperienced swimmers should always wear a life jacket while in and around any body of water.
- If there is any doubt about the depth of the water, always enter feet first. Never jump or dive headfirst into shallow water or murky/muddy water.
- Stay away from pool drains. This is especially important for children as their hair, bathing suits, or limbs have often been the cause of an accidental drowning for this age group.
- Never mix alcohol and swimming, even in shallow water.
- It is important to be aware of electrical hazards while enjoying the water. Always inspect any electrical cords for exposed wiring and remember that water conducts electricity to any area that is wet or damp.

Additional Resources: www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Safety-tip-sheets