

GRILLING SAFETY

- *Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.*
- *The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.*
- *Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.*
- *Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.*
- *Never leave your grill unattended.*
- *Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.*

Charcoal Grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills

- 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 propane leak will release bubbles.
- If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill.
- If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.
- If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off, and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

ONBOARD BOAT SAFETY

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to alert occupants to a fire.
- Have a fire emergency plan and practice it.
- Inspect electrical wiring, connections, cords and battery-charging equipment to ensure they are installed properly and in good condition.
- Have the appropriate fire extinguishers and make sure they are easily accessible. Train all boaters on how to use them.
- Check your cooling and exhaust systems. Make sure they work properly.
- Turn off portable heaters when you leave the boat or go to sleep.
- Only use certified chargers for personal electronic devices.
- Don't overload power outlets on the boat.

ELECTRICAL / WATER SAFETY

- If you are putting in a new pool, hot tub, or spa, be sure the wiring is performed by a licensed electrician.
- Outdoor receptacles must have covers that keep them dry even when appliances are plugged into them.
- Ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) are special devices designed to protect against electric shock and electrocution.
- Electrical appliances, equipment, and cords should be kept at least 6 feet away from the water.
- Avoid handling electrical devices when you are wet.
- Make sure that any overhead lines maintain the proper distance over a pool and other structures, such as a diving board.
- Do not swim during a thunderstorm.
- Have a qualified electrician periodically inspect and—where necessary—replace or upgrade the electrical devices or equipment that keep your pool, spa, or hot tub electrically safe.
- Have a qualified electrician show you how to turn off all power in case of an emergency.