



Summer Grilling and Fire Safety Reminders

Summer is here and the Bristol Fire Department wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer, here are a few summertime grilling and fire safety tips to help make that possible.

- Enjoy outdoor celebrations and cookouts but remember to keep a 3-foot “safe zone” around grills and camp fires. This will help keep you children and pets safe.
- Always open the lid/cover of gas grill before lighting.
- When barbecuing use long-handled barbecue tools.
- Wear short sleeves or roll up your sleeves when cooking on the grill.
- Campfires should be built at least 15 feet away from tent walls, shrubs or other material that burns.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire
- Only use your grill outside. Keep it away from siding and deck rail.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Never leave any of them unattended.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled. The can should be at least 10 feet from any structure or material that burns.
- If you live in the City of Bristol remember to follow the requirements of the City of Bristol Municipal Code, Chapter 7 Fire Prevention and Protection, Section 7-17 Open Burning Requirements. The City’s open burning requirements can be viewed by clicking on the following link.
- https://www.municode.com/library/ct/bristol/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIIC_OOR_CH7FIPRPR_ARTIINGE
- The Connecticut Fire Prevention Code prohibits the use the of hibachis, grills, and other similar devices used for cooking , heating, or any other purpose on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within 10 feet of any structure other than one and two family dwellings. This includes storing these devices used for cooking on the balconies of dwellings, other than one and two family dwellings.