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BBQ Regulations & Safety

Do you have questions about the allowed use of BBQs in your community?

Many people have questions about whether or not they can use their barbecues in the City of Lakewood and other parts of the West Metro Fire Protection District. West Metro is operating under the 2009 International Fire Code which establishes the laws by which fire codes are enforced.

As such, a new component includes a regulation that prohibits the use and operation of barbecues (propane, natural gas, charcoal, hibachis or any open flame cooking device) on combustible decks and balconies or within ten feet of combustible construction. (2009 International Fire Code 308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices.)

There are a few exceptions to this rule, including:

1. One and two family dwellings.
2. Buildings, balconies and decks that are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
3. LP-gas cooking devices having LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity].

The enforcement of these regulations are making a difference. West Metro Fire Rescue was averaging about 30 fires a year that were attributed to BBQ grills. Over the past two years, West Metro averaged about two a year that were caused by BBQ grills. West Metro appreciates the efforts and cooperation in following the fire codes to help reduce the incidence of fires in our community.

There are possible consequences for violating the fire code, including a maximum fine of \$999 and/or six months in jail. The consequences could affect tenants, property managers and property owners.

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