



WAYNESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION and LIFE SAFETY EDUCATION
E-BULLETIN

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Summer has arrived and that means outside activities are in full swing. Two common activities are barbecuing and swimming. The following are some safety tips on both. Have fun and stay safe.



BEFORE BARBECUING

- Check your grill thoroughly for leaks, cracking or brittleness before using it.
- Clean out the tubes that lead into the burner.
- Make sure the grill is at least **10** feet away from your house, garage, or trees.
- Store and use your grill on a large flat surface that cannot burn (i.e. - concrete or asphalt).
- Don't use grills in a garage, porch, deck, or on top of anything that can catch on fire.
- Keep children **away** from fires and grills. It is a good idea to establish a safety zone around the grill and instruct children to remain outside the zone. A chalk line works great for this purpose.
- Have a fire extinguisher, a garden hose attached to a water supply, or at least 16-quarts of water close by in case of a fire.

DURING BARBECUING

- Don't wear loose clothing that might catch fire.
- Use long handled barbecue tools and/or flame resistant mitts.
- Never use any flammable liquid other than a barbecue starter fluid to start a fire.
- Never pour or squirt starter fluid onto an open flame. The flames can easily flashback along the fluid's path to the container in your hands.

- Keep alcoholic beverages away from the grill, they are flammable!
- Never leave the grill unattended.

AFTER BARBECUING

- Always follow the manufacturer's cleaning and storing instructions that accompany the grill.
- Keep your grill clean and free of grease buildup that may lead to a fire.
- Never store liquid or pressurized fuels inside your home and/or near any possible sources of flame.



SWIM SAFETY

Tragic water accidents happen quickly. The most common reason for aquatic mishaps is a lack of safety knowledge. Here are recommend safety tips:

- Learn to swim
- Swim near a lifeguard
- Never Swim Alone
- Don't Dive Into Unknown Water or Into Shallow Breaking Waves
- Ask a Lifeguard About Beach and Surf Conditions Before Swimming
- If You Are Unable to Swim Out of a Strong Current, Signal for Help
- Rely on Your Swimming Ability Rather Than a Flotation Device
- Look For, Read and Obey All Safety Signs and Symbols
- Supervise children closely, even when lifeguards are present
- If caught in a rip current, swim sideways until free, don't swim against the current's pull
- Alcohol and swimming don't mix
- Protect your head, neck, and spine -- don't dive into unfamiliar waters -- feet first, first time
- If In Doubt, Just Stay Out!