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BBQ & Fire Pit Regulations

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West Metro Fire receives many inquiries about what is allowed with regard to barbeque grills.

West Metro Fire has adopted the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code and code references are taken directly from that source.

308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices .

Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3049 mm) of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

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

If you live in an apartment building or other multifamily dwelling, you may not operate open-flame cooking devices on your balcony or patio that are within 10 feet of combustible construction. One and two family dwellings, which include townhomes, are exempt.

The exceptions also include decks and balconies protected by an automatic sprinkler system. You may also use a propane grill if it utilizes a small 2 1/2 pound tank. The larger 20 pound bottles are not allowed on balconies. Another option is to use an electric grill, which

