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Grill Safety

At the first signs of warm weather many folks head directly to their bar-b-que grill to start that greatest of summertime traditions - grilling! (or, if you are like me it never stops). So everyone can enjoy their backyard bistros unencumbered by unfortunate mishaps, following is a list of steps you can take to avoid being “well done”:

- Make sure that your grill is serviced and cleaned annually, following manufacturers instructions for care and use.
- Leak check all hoses and fittings on gas grill with a dish detergent and water solution. If any “bubbling” appears, have the grill serviced by a certified technician.
- Always follow all manufacturers use and care instructions.
- Whenever changing propane tanks make sure all connections are tight.
- When transporting propane tanks for refilling/exchange they must be secured upright. An old milk crate works great to stabilize tanks for transport. Never transport in trunks.
- Never leave a tank in the car while doing other errands – full tanks sometimes will start to “off-gas” in the heat build-up inside of a parked car.
- Keep grills at least 3 feet away from combustibles.
- Always dispose of ashes from charcoal grills in metal containers with a tight lid.
- Always use charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal - never use gasoline or other flammable liquids. Once the charcoal is started NEVER add more lighter fluid.
- Never use a grill – gas or charcoal – indoors.

The New Canaan Fire Marshal’s Office encourages safe summertime grilling. For further questions please contact us at 594-3034.