

## Residential Barbecues

The use of residential barbecues shall be in accordance with the Tucson Fire Code, Sections 307 and 3809.

**Open-Flame Cooking Devices:** Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction. Exceptions: 1) One-and two-family dwellings. 2) Where buildings and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system

- Open flame cooking devices includes those using charcoal, propane, natural gas, and wood and also includes Hibachis.
- Combustible: Any portion of balconies or patios made of combustible materials such as wood walls, ceilings, railings, and floors. This will also include storage of combustible materials on balconies or patios such as fabrics, wood, plastics, paper, trash, and cardboard. Stucco over wood framing is combustible construction.
- R-1 & R-2 Occupancies: Includes apartment houses, hotels and motels, boarding houses, dormitories, fraternities and sororities. This DOES NOT include residential single family dwellings (homes) and duplexes and condominiums that do not contain more than two dwelling units.

**Storage of Portable LP-Gas Containers:** Propane tanks SHALL NOT be stored on balconies. NFPA 58 Section 5.3.4 states storage within a residential building shall be limited to cylinders each with a maximum water capacity of 2.7 LB (1.2 kg) and shall not exceed 5.4 LB (2.4 kg) aggregate water capacity for smaller cylinders per each living space unit. Cylinders shall meet DOT specifications. Barbecue propane cylinders of 4.7 gallons (20 LB) SHALL NOT be stored within dwelling units.

The Tucson Fire Code will be strictly enforced and a citation may be the result for non-compliance. This citation would require an appearance in court and could lead to a possible fine. The Tucson Fire Department is committed to the protection of your property. Your help as an owner, manager and tenant and as a citizen is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please contact the Tucson Fire Department Fire Prevention Section at 791-4502.