

Storing Gas Cylinders

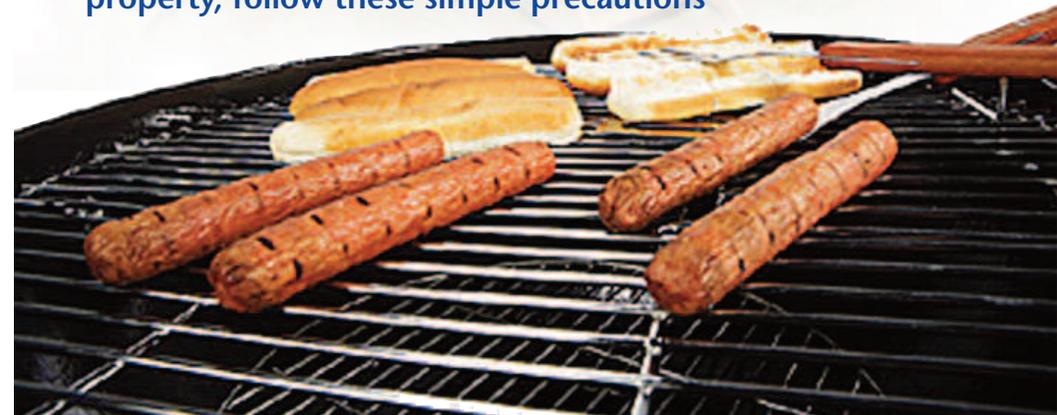
- ✓ Store gas cylinders outside.
- ✓ Keep gas cylinders away from frost and direct sunlight.
- ✓ Never store gas cylinders under the stairs of your home - if you are upstairs this is your means of escape from a fire.
- ✗ Do not keep more spare gas cylinders than you need.
- ! Enjoy yourself, but remember - too much alcohol and fire never mix!



Keep yourself safe this Summer

BARBECUE SAFETY

A barbecue should be a safe and enjoyable experience but it's all too easy to be distracted when you have friends and family around you whilst cooking. To avoid injuries or damage to property, follow these simple precautions



- ✓ Make sure that your barbecue is in good working order.
- ✓ Keep a bucket of water, a bucket of sand or a garden hose nearby in case of emergencies.
- ✓ Make sure your barbecue site is flat and well away from sheds, fences, trees and shrubs.
- ✓ Use only enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue to a depth of about 50mm (two inches).
- ✓ Keep children, garden games and pets well away from the cooking area.
- ✓ When you've finished cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before trying to move it. Empty ashes onto bare garden soil.
- ✗ Never leave the barbecue unattended.
- ✗ Never put ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire.
- ✗ Remember - Barbecues should never be lit indoors!



Barbecue gone out?

Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue.

Gas Barbecues

- ✓ Bottled gas barbecues need special care when being turned on and off.
- ✓ Make sure the tap is turned off before changing the gas cylinder.
- ✓ Change gas cylinders in the open air if possible, or open doors and windows to provide good ventilation.
- ✓ When you've finished cooking, turn off the gas cylinder before you turn off the barbecue controls, to ensure any gas in the pipeline is used up.
- ! **If you suspect a leak to the gas cylinder or pipework:**
- ✓ Brush soapy water around all joints and watch for bubbles.
- ✓ If you find a leaky joint, try to tighten it.
- ✗ But do not over tighten.

