



Tinley Park Fire Department

Grills and Fire Code Requirements

Cooking on Combustible Balconies: In accordance with The 2012 International Fire Code, the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau prohibits any cooking on a combustible balcony of an apartment or condominium. The Code states charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.



Charcoal Grills: Unattended or improperly used charcoal-fueled barbecues are responsible for numerous fires in single and multiple-family dwellings. Fires may be caused by improper use of hot briquettes, application of starter fluid, or flames from greasy foods that ignite nearby combustible materials.

Storage of LP Gas or Gas Grills: The Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau prohibits the storage or use of LP gas in quantities greater than 1 pound. If the use of grills is **PROHIBITED**, these cooking devices (charcoal or LP gas) **CANNOT** be stored on a balcony or inside the residential unit.

The Fire Code allows for the use of table top grills as an acceptable alternative to grills using larger capacity propane tanks. This type of grill with a smaller tank presents a smaller fuel load and decreases the fire hazard if left unattended for a short period of time.



Please call the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau at 708/444-5200 with any questions.



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The 2012 International Fire Code states the following regarding Open Flame devices on balconies:

Section 308 - Open Flames

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 (3048mm) of combustible construction.

- Exceptions:
1. One- and two-family dwellings.
 2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices.

Grills using LP-gas with containers exceeding a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds [nominal 1 pound (0.454 kg) LP-gas capacity] shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet (3048 mm) of combustible construction.

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