

# Enjoy Summer Cookouts and Grill Safely!



## Propane gas is highly flammable.

- Each year, about 600 fires/explosions occur with gas grills resulting in injuries to about 30 people.
- The new safety standard for propane gas tanks requires that an "over-fill prevention device" be installed in new gas tanks.
- The new propane gas tanks have valve handles with three "lobes" (prongs) while older tanks have valve handles with five prongs.
- *People with older propane gas tanks should trade them in for the new, safer tanks.*

# CHARCOAL GRILL SAFETY TIPS

- Charcoal produces **carbon monoxide (CO)** when it is burned.
- CO is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed environments.
- Each year about 19 people die as a result of CO fumes from charcoal being burned inside.



- To reduce the risk of CO poisoning:
  1. Never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers.
  2. Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided.
  3. Since charcoal produces CO fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, *do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.*