



## Grills on Apartment Balconies & Patios

West Metro Fire-Rescue District is taking grills on balconies and patios very seriously. It has been noticed during routine inspections of apartment buildings the Fire Prevention Staff have found that there have been several grills on balconies or patios. Here are the regulations for both New Hope and Crystal in regards to the use of open-flame on any vertical apartment balconies or patios:

**Open burning; use of open-flame, liquefied-petroleum gas (LP), or charcoal cooking devices on vertical apartment balconies or patios is hereby prohibited.** No person shall kindle, maintain or cause any fire or open flame on any apartment balcony above ground level or ground floor patio immediately adjacent to or within **ten feet** of any combustible construction. No person shall store any fuel, barbecue torch or other similar heating or lighting chemicals or device in either of the above locations. **Exception:** One and two-family dwellings. (New Hope City Ordinance Section 9-9 and Crystal City Ordinance 905.27 Subd. 3)

The City Ordinance states that you shall **not use or store any LP, Charcoal, electrical grill devices on decks or patios at anytime.** Grills shall be located at **minimum of ten feet from any structure.** Also **no** fuel, barbecue torches or other similar heating or lighter fluids shall be stored on balconies or patios at anytime.

If a grill is found on your deck or patio you will be asked to remove that device immediately by the apartment management. If you do not comply with apartment management then a Fire Official will ask you to remove the grill or flammable liquids from the balcony or patio immediately, and if you don't comply the next step would be to **issue a citation to you personally.** Plus it may be a violation of your lease.

If you have any questions or concerns about the city ordinance please feel free to contact West Metro Fire-Rescue District Prevention Office, Monday-Friday 8am to 4:30pm at 763-537-2323.