

Fireworks

The possession and use of all fireworks by private citizens is illegal in Massachusetts. Attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.

Pyrotechnic devices (fireworks) are designed to burn and explode. Class C fireworks include sparklers, party poppers, snappers, firecrackers, spinners, cherry bombs and more.

Do's

- Leave any area where amateurs (adults included) are using fireworks

Don'ts

- Pick up or touch found fireworks
- Play with Sparkers they burn at temperatures 1200 °

Pets

Most pets are terrified of fireworks. The loud noises, flashes, and burning smell often cause them to panic. This can lead to running away, getting severely injured, or worse.

Do's

- Keep dangerous chewable products, table food, insect repellent, and sunscreen away from pets
- Keep ID on pet in case they get lost
- Keep pets indoors while using fireworks
- Leave pet at home if you're attending a Fireworks display

Pool Safety

Do's

- Check the pool first if a child is missing
- Empty small splashing pools after use and remove all toys (attractions)
- Install a fence and have a self-closing, self-latching gate that has a locking mechanism
- Learn CPR
- Properly dispose of punctured or damaged chemical containers
- Store and use pool chemicals according to the manufacturer's recommendations, and always store them outside the home, away from any heat source or flame
- Teach child to swim

Don'ts

- Leave children and pets unsupervised near pool area

Outdoor Candles, Torches & Propane Heaters

Do's

- Ensure torch pole is securely supported before lighting
- Extinguish candles, torches and outdoor heaters before leaving the area or going to bed
- Keep burning torches/candles away from children/pets
- Keep fire extinguisher, pail of water or garden hose connected to a water supply for emergency purposes.
- Maintain safe distance of twice the torch's length from combustible materials
- Monitor candles, torches, heaters, and grills at all times
- Trim the candle wicks before lighting to prevent high flames

Don'ts

- Leave burning torches or candles unattended

Sun Safety

Summer can bring damage to your skin if you do not act with caution while outdoors. Block the sun, not the fun!!

Do's

- Cover up with a hat, long sleeve shirt, and pants
- Limit time spent in the sun
- Reapply sunscreen every 2-3 hours (face, neck, ears, shoulders, back, knees, and tops of feet)
- Select shaded areas for outdoor activities
- Use sunscreen (Ultraviolet-A (UVA) and Ultraviolet-B (UVB) protection)
- Wear dark sunglasses to protect your eyes

Don'ts

- Touch metal and plastic playground equipment exposed to direct sun
- Use sun lamps

Cigarettes

Do's

- Smoke responsibly. Never throw your butts out the window. Use your ashtray.

Don'ts

- Carelessly discarded cigarettes they are responsible for wildland fires



City of Fall River Summer Fire & Safety Guide

This guide is to help the citizens of Fall River stay safe this summer with **Do's** and **Don'ts** of fire safety.

Fire Hydrants

The City of Fall River maintains approximately 2800 hydrants city-wide. All City of Fall River property owners, lessees, and renters must not block fire hydrants. Fire hydrants are an important safety feature of any neighborhood. By blocking hydrants fire fighters will have difficulty finding them, with a limited water supply on the fire truck, the lives of both civilians and firefighters will be endangered.

Important Numbers

To Report a Fire or Medical Emergency: **911**

Fire Department Headquarters: 508-324-2743

Fire Prevention Bureau: 508-324-2740

City Fire Marshal: 508-324-2740

Office of the Fire Chief: 508-324-2740

Administrative Assistant(Fire Chief): 508-324-2743

Report sprinkler systems/box circuits repairs: 508-675-7411

Emergency Medical Services Business Office: 508-324-2744



Fall River Fire Department

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Grilling Safety

PRE-SEASON CHECK FOR PROPANE GRILLS

Do's

- Check grill has a correct setting when being installed
- Check propane tanks for dents, gouges, bulges, corrosion, leakage, or excessive rust, return the tank to the propane gas distributor for replacement.
- Clean the grease trap every time you grill
- Ensure all connections are tight before turning gas on
- Follow maintenance instructions in owner's manual
- Inspect hoses that lead into the burner for any cracks or blockage from insects, food or grease
- Inspect the propane hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. A soap and water solution may be used to test for leaks
- Store cylinders upright in an outdoor shaded area
- Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear any blockage

Don'ts

- Attempt to repair propane tank valve. Seek out qualified repairperson
- Leave cylinders in vehicle; don't use, store, or transport when exposed to high temperatures
- Smoke while handling a propane cylinder
- Use matches or lighters to check for leaks

WHEN USING GAS GRILLS

Do's

- Call 911 if you smell gas while cooking, turn off and get away from grill. Do not move
- Change gas cylinder in open air
- Close lid if flame gets too large. Oxygen will be cut
- Keep children and pets away from grill when in use
- Keep grill 10ft from the side of a building unless the manufacturer's instructions advisors otherwise.
- Keep grill away from trees, shrubs, garden waste, fences, sheds, and deck railings
- Keep lid open when you turn on gas to light burners. Propane can build up inside and when ignited, **CAN BE EXPLOSIVE!**
- Keep matches and lighters away from children
- Move propane hoses as far as possible from hot surfaces and dripping grease
- Turn off gas before changing the gas cylinder
- Turn off the burners and close the propane cylinder when done cooking
- Use soap and water solution to test for leaks

Don'ts

- Leave a burning grill unattended
- Operate grill if you've had a lot to drink
- Throw water on a grill with flames
- Use a grill on a deck above the first floor of a multi-family building or under a covered deck
- Wear loose clothing while cooking

CHARCOAL GRILLS

Do's

- Do not fill portable tanks in the bed of a pick-up truck, place containers on the ground to fill
- Keep flammable liquids away from heat source or flame
- Re-fueling make sure you are outside and use a funnel to prevent spillage
- Store gasoline in safety cans which have flame arrestors and pressure-release valves
- Store gasoline outside the home
- Store just enough to power gasoline-fueled equipment
- Turn off and cool down equipment before re-fueling
- When re-fueling wipe up spills immediately; move equipment 10ft away from fueling area to start the engine

Don'ts

- Add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire
- Dispose hot ashes in plastic, paper or wooden containers
- Drink alcohol and cook
- Leave unattended
- Overfill with too much charcoal. Suggested depth is approx. 2 inches
- Use indoors or use gasoline

STORING GAS CYLINDERS

Do's

- Keep gas cylinders away from frost and direct sunlight
- Store gas cylinders outside

Don'ts

- Keep more spare gas cylinders than needed
- Store gas cylinders under the stairs

TRANSPORTING PROPANE TANKS

Take precautions while transporting propane tanks (whether full or empty).

Do's

- Secured in an upright position in the back seat of vehicle, or in the bed of truck
- Use a sealed approved container

Don'ts

- Avoid other passengers in the vehicle
- Leave a propane tank unattended in vehicle

Gasoline Safety

Gasoline and flammable liquid burns are preventable.

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Don'ts

- Overfill container leave about two inches of space at the top of the can for proper ventilation
- Smoke while fueling
- Use as a stain remover or for other purposes

Boating

Do's

- Before fueling extinguish smoking materials and shut down all motors, fans and heating devices
- Ensure fueling nozzle is grounded to fuel intake and don't fill to capacity
- Ventilate with the blower for at least four minutes after fueling and before starting the engine
- Wipe up fuel spills immediately and check the bilge for fuel leakage and odors

Don'ts

- Use portable electric or propane heaters when refueling