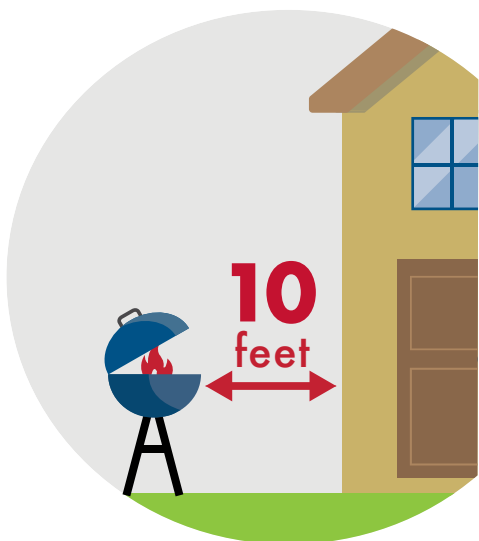


Make sure your home is safe from outside fires.

Recreational fire pits and grilling safety



With the summer months upon us, grilling and fire pits are in full swing. Pinellas County and local fire agencies want you and your family to have a fire-safe summer by following these tips:



Grilling

Make safe outdoor cooking a priority:

- ❑ Make sure that all grills are placed at least **10 feet away from any structures**, deck railings, awnings, overhanging branches and other things that can catch fire.
- ❑ **Never** grill on a condo or apartment **balcony**.
- ❑ Keep children and pets at least **three feet away** from the grill when it's hot.
- ❑ **Stay** with the grill the entire time you're cooking.
- ❑ Keep your grill **clean** so leftover grease and fat won't catch on fire.

Backyard Fire Pits

Permanent and portable fire pits can bring fire danger to your home. You can prevent fire or burn injury with these simple steps:

- ❑ Make sure the fire pit is at least **15 feet away** from your house and anything that can burn.
- ❑ Ensure that **children and pets** are kept a safe distance away.
- ❑ **Never leave any fire unattended.**
- ❑ **Use a metal screen** over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out.
- ❑ Make sure all fires are **completely extinguished** after use.
- ❑ Store **matches and lighters** out of children's sight and reach.



Warning:

Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. Using them puts your property at risk.

The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals.

