



Redlands Fire Department Fire Protection Guideline

Title: Barbecue Requirements

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Scope: To provide guidance and direction in the use of open flame cooking on balconies and next to combustible material.

Description: Due to the high potential for property damage and large loss the use of barbecues on apartment balconies is strictly regulated within the California Fire Code (CFC).

The newest requirements from the California Fire Code now has specific requirements that apply to any device used for cooking that uses an open flame. While these requirements apply to all occupancies it does exempt one and two family dwellings (single family homes or a duplex).

Barbeques

Open-flame cooking devices (BBQ's) shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. The use of a masonry type exterior (e.g., stucco) applied upon wooden construction is still considered combustible construction. The use of electric barbecues and LPG barbecues with a supply bottle of 1 point or less is allowed.

The following is required in order to use an open-flame propane cooking device:

- There must be greater than 10 feet separation between the open-flame cooking device and combustible construction, including walls
- If using on a balcony or decking, it must be of non-combustible construction
- The open-flame cooking device must be clear of overhangs and eaves

Exceptions to the above requirements allow the use of the open-flame cooking device that do not meet the aforementioned requirements:

- Where buildings, balconies or decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
- Use of an open-flame cooking device having a 2 ½ pound or less capacity.

Enforcement

Enforcement of these regulations are the responsibility of the Owner/Manager as are all other fire prevention regulations. Fire inspections are performed on an annual basis as well as fire safety complaints. .