

City of South Lake Tahoe BBQ regulations



CHARCOAL BBQS ARE ALLOWED IN THE CITY LIMITS FOR ONE- OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS



What are your options??

To allow you to still enjoy the joy of grilling if you live in a multi-family dwelling, there alternatives you may use:

Propane tank grills with 1 pound LP gas capacity are ok.
(typical camping stove)



You can store your grill on your balcony after you disconnect the tank. Note that the removed fuel tank may not be stored on the balcony within 10 feet of combustible construction or inside any enclosed structure.

TANKS CANNOT BE STORED ON THE INSIDE OF A DWELLING UNIT

Electric grills are ok.



The fire code enforced by your local fire department reads as follows:

2019 California Fire Code, Section 308.1.4 Open-flame cooking devices, charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One- and two-family dwellings.
2. Where buildings, balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
3. Liquefied-petroleum LP (which includes propane) gas fueled cooking devices having LP gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2.5 pounds (1 pound LP-gas capacity).

The code exempts multi-family buildings where the structure, balcony and deck are protected by an operable automatic sprinkler system. Also, the code allows a resident to use an electric barbecue or one that has a liquefied-petroleum gas container capacity of one pound or less which are similar to those used for camping. Most barbecues sold at major retailers come with a container capacity of five pounds or greater which is prohibited at apartment communities under the regulation.

NO OUTDOOR COOKING OR FIRES ALLOWED ON RED FLAG DAYS

“RED FLAG DAYS” ARE POSTED ON THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE, LOCAL WEATHER PAGES, AND THE CAL FIRE WEATHER PAGE.