

The Facts About **Propane Barbecues**

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions

for the safe maintenance and use of your barbecue.



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Key Messages:

- At the start of the season, make sure the burner ports are free of rust or dirt and that the burner orifice is clear of dust and cobwebs.
- ✓ Check cylinder connections and hoses for leaks by brushing a 50/50 mix of liquid soap and water onto all connections and hoses. Rising bubbles when you turn on the valve indicate a leak. Tighten connections or repair the hose until there are no bubbles.
- ✓ When lighting the grill, always have the lid open. Open the valve at the cylinder, then turn on the barbecue controls and light the burner using the igniter button. If there is no igniter, insert the flame from a long match or barbecue lighter through the side burner hole. Light the match before you turn on the gas at the grill controls.
- ✓ Transport a propane cylinder safely by placing it in a secure, upright position with the safety valve on top. It is preferable to transport it on the floor of the passenger compartment. Make sure the windows of the vehicle are open.
- ✓ Never use or store a propane barbecue indoors or in any enclosed space, including a garage.

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Propane cylinders must be inspected and requalified or replaced every 10 years.

