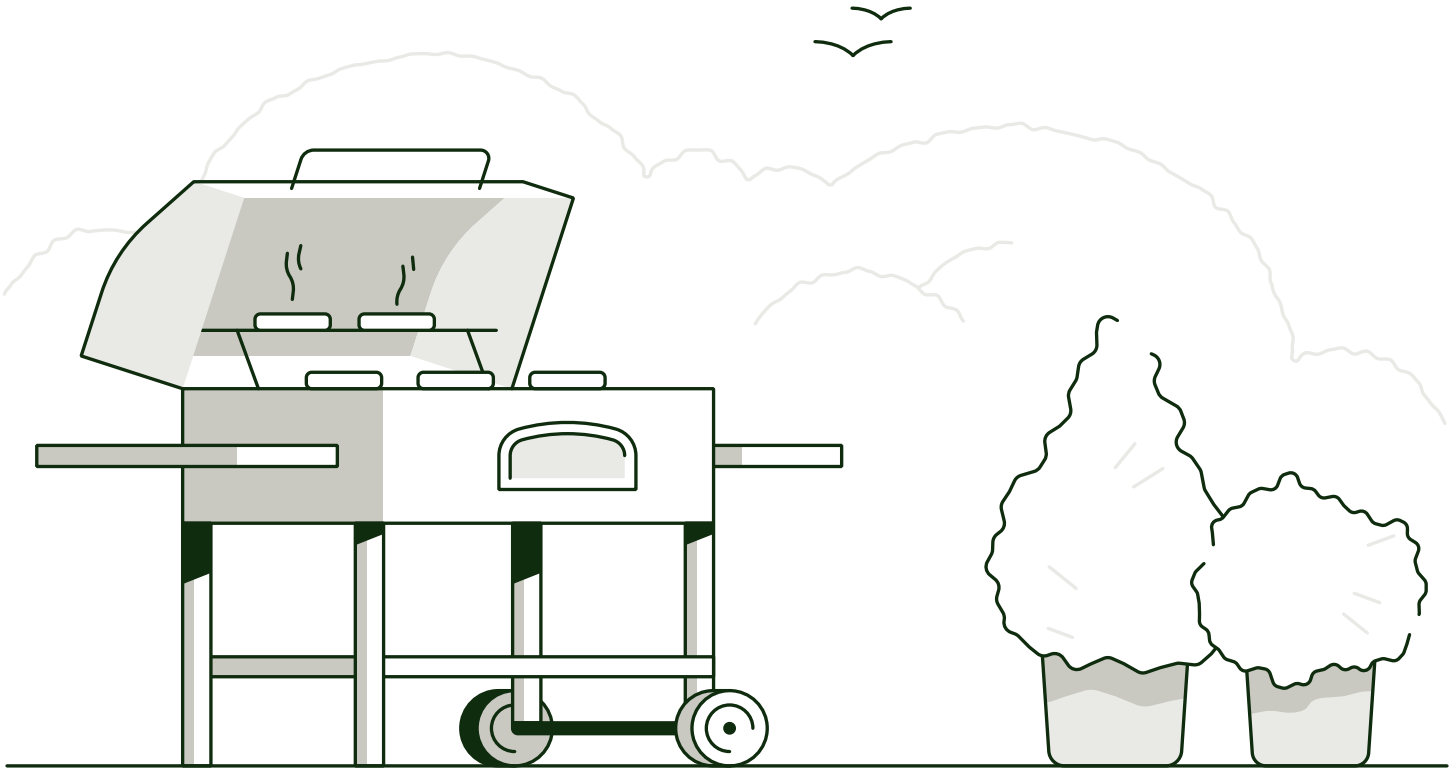


HOMEOWNER GRILLING SAFETY CHECKLIST



Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it before grilling.



Never leave your grill unattended while it's on—fires can start in seconds.



Clean your grill regularly, including grates, trays, and burners, to prevent grease buildup that can cause flare-ups.



Set up your grill on a flat, open surface at least 10 feet away from your home, garage, deck railings, or other flammable structures.

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Inspect your grill before each use: Check hoses and connections for cracks or leaks using soapy water, and replace damaged parts immediately.



Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill when it's in use, and never let kids grill unsupervised.



Wear appropriate clothing while grilling. Avoid loose sleeves or flowing fabrics that can catch fire.



Exercise caution with fire starters: Use only products recommended for your grill type; avoid gasoline, charcoal fluid, or other flammable liquids.



For charcoal grills, always let ashes cool completely before disposal, and discard them in a metal container, never a trash bin.



With electric grills, plug directly into a grounded outlet and never use extension cords to reduce fire risk.



Avoid grilling while intoxicated: Impaired judgment can delay reactions to flare-ups and increase accident risk.



Position your grill carefully: Keep it away from exterior walls, overhangs, and flammable materials to prevent small fires from spreading.