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ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE TIP OF THE WEEK

ACFR encourages the public to grill safely during Labor Day celebrations

DENVER, Colo. – As thousands of people prepare for Labor Day weekend celebrations, Adams County Fire Rescue would like to remind the public to practice these safety recommendations when planning outdoor grilling activities.

- Use extreme caution when cooking on outdoor grills to prevent painful burn injuries and inhalation of smoke and gases.
- Never use gasoline in place of charcoal lighter fluid.
- Never reapply charcoal lighter fluid after the fire has started; the flames can ignite the vapors and travel up to the container causing an explosion.
- Outdoor grills should never be used in confined spaces, such as inside homes, campers or tents, or any other area that is not properly ventilated.

Additionally, the ACFR Officials would like to remind residents living in apartment complexes and apartment managers about laws regulating the usage of outdoor grills, whether charcoal or gas, under a covered combustible walkway, combustible decks or covered combustible balconies.

Under the International Fire Code, Chapter 3, Subsections 308.1.4, charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Exceptions are if the building, balcony and/or deck are protected by an automatic sprinkler system. Another exception is LP-gas cooking devices having an LP-gas container with a water capacity not greater than 2.5 pounds. A citation shall be issued to the person, owning or operating the grill being used at the time within the prohibited area. ACFR allows the storage of outdoor grills on balconies, decks or walkways only if they do not have an attached propane tank.

For a list of these and other safety tips, visit www.acfpd.org/safety-tips.

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