



Moreno Valley Fire Department Information Bulletin

Use of Barbecues and Open Flame Cooking Devices in Multi Family Residential Housing

The Fire Prevention Bureau of the Moreno Valley Fire Department is notifying residents that the use of barbecues and other open-flame cooking devices in multi-family residential housing balconies, patios and decks is prohibited.

Due to the number of multi family home fires involving these types of open flame devices, the California Fire Code Section 308.1.4 prohibits charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices. These types of open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies, patios, decks 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. Liquid Propane (LP-gas) cooking devices having Liquid Propane (LP-gas) containers with a water capacity not greater 2½ pounds. (Most barbecues are designed to operate using standard 20-pound (5 gallon) cylinders.)

It is the mission of the Moreno Valley Fire Department's Multi Family Residential Housing Program to ensure a safe environment, reasonably safeguarded against the threat of fire, for all residents. Your adherence to these regulations is the key to making it a reality for all. The Fire Department, as well as your neighbors, appreciate your efforts in making the City of Moreno Valley a safe place for everyone.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Moreno Valley Fire Prevention Division at (951) 413-3370.

Doug Bloom – Fire Marshal

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