

# Open-Flame Cooking Devices & Propane Fuel

According to Rule 3 of the 2005 Ohio Fire Code, General Precautions Against Fire: Section 308 Open Flames 308.3.1 Open-flame cooking devices, the operation of a charcoal burner, or any other open-flame cooking device, is prohibited on combustible decks and balconies. In addition, these devices shall not be used anywhere within 10 feet of combustible construction, which could include a nearby wall, overhang, patio fence, railing, or the deck above your own deck or patio.

In addition, any cooking device using propane fuel is subject to regulation, depending on the size of its fuel container. Any device using a fuel container larger than one-pound is prohibited on combustible decks and balconies. In addition, these devices shall not be used anywhere within 10 feet of combustible construction, which could include a nearby wall, overhand, patio fence, railing, or the deck above your own deck or patio. It is worth noting that the typical gas grill utilizes an LP container with a nominal capacity of 20 pounds of LP gas.

The Ohio Fire Code states that the owner of the structure and/or complex is responsible for insuring that the requirements of the Ohio Fire Code are followed.