



Requirements for the Use and Storage of Grills and LP Cylinders in Apartments or Condominiums

Cooking on Balconies

The Florida Fire Prevention Code prohibits any cooking:

- On a balcony
- Under any overhanging portion of a building
- Within 10 ft (3 m) of any structure

The only exception is for electrical cooking appliances such as electric ranges, electric grills or other similar devices.

Storage of LP Gas Cylinders

The Florida Fire Prevention Code prohibits the storage of LP gas in quantities greater than 2.7 lb (1 kg) [nominal 1 lb (0.5 kg)] unless you can access an exterior stairway from the balcony or deck.

LP gas cylinders cannot be stored inside any residential units.

Storage of L.P. Gas Grills

LP gas grills cannot be stored on balconies or decks unless you can access an exterior stairway from the balcony or deck. Other types of grills can be stored, but not used.

FYI: The typical LP gas grill contains a 20lb tank.

The specific code sections are as follows:

NFPA 1 Section 10.11.7 For other than one – and two – family dwellings no hibachi, gas-fire grill, charcoal grill, or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose, shall be used or kindled on any balcony or under any overhanging portion or within 10 ft (3 m) of any structure. Listed electric ranges, grills or similar electrical apparatus shall be permitted.

NFPA 1 Section 69.3.10.9.2: Cylinders having water capacities greater than 2.7 lb (1 kg) [nominal 1 lb (0.5 kg)] LP- gas capacity shall not be located on decks or balconies of dwellings of two or more living units above the first floor unless they are served by exterior stairways.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL THE ALTAMONTE SPRINGS BUILDING/FIRE SAFETY DIVISION AT 407-571-8433.