

## Outdoor Grilling BBQ Safety Tips

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It happens every year. The weather gets warmer, more people use outdoor grills – and incidents of grill-caused fires go up. Each year, outdoor grilling causes an average of 8,900 home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

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Gas grills cause more home fires than charcoal grills, the association adds.

According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, 61 percent of households own a gas grill, 41 percent own a charcoal grill and 10 percent own an electric grill.

Regardless of the type of grill you own, here are 8 BBQ safety tips that will keep you and your home safe for barbecuing season:

### 1. Grill outside and away from any structures

Charcoal and gas grills are designed for outdoor use only. However, most fires are caused by grills that are too close to the home or another structure. Pay attention to overhanging tree branches when you set up your grill.

### 2. Make sure your grill is stable

Only set up your grill on a flat surface and make sure the grill can't be tipped over. Consider using a grill pad or splatter mat underneath your grill to protect your deck or patio.

### 3. Keep your grill clean

Remove grease or fat buildup from both the grill and the tray below the grill. If you are using a charcoal grill, allow the coals to completely cool off before disposing of them in a metal container.

### 4. Check for propane leaks on your gas grill

Before the season's first barbecue, check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there is a propane leak, the solution will bubble.

### 5. If the flame goes out, wait to re-light

If you are using a gas grill and the flame goes out, turn the grill and the gas off, then wait at least five minutes to re-light it.

### 6. Take care around the grill

Never leave a lit grill unattended. Don't allow kids or pets to play near the grill. Never try to move a lit or hot grill, and remember the grill will stay hot for at least an hour after use.

### 7. Be careful with charcoal starter fluid

If you use a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. If the fire starts to go out, don't add any starter fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

### 8. Be ready to put out the fire

Have baking soda on hand to control a grease fire and a fire extinguisher nearby for other fires. If you don't have a fire

extinguisher, keep a bucket of sand next to the grill. Never use water to put out grease fire.

These easy-to-follow tips will help you and your family to enjoy a safe summer barbecuing season.

## Feral Cat Update Kittens Available for Adoption

GM Toledo is working with Humane Ohio to control the cat population at the plant through a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Program. Humane Ohio began trapping cats on Monday, May 14, and have trapped twelve cats during the first week of the program (five in the Butler Building and seven near the QAC) and returned those non-adoptable cats back to the site.



Two sets of kittens and their mothers were collected. When the kittens get a little older they will be spayed or neutered and given their shots and then they will be available for adoption. If you are interested in adopting, please contact Joyce Arakelian 567-225-4396, Tom Wynn 567-225-4431, or Humane Ohio 419-266-5607.

## Green Stem Events With Local Schools

Each May GM Toledo holds **GREEN STEM** events for local elementary schools in our GM/UAW Family Park. The events are meant to increase environmental awareness and to encourage students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. On May 8, we hosted forty 6th grade students from Larchmont Elementary, on May 21, we hosted seventy 6th graders from Jackman Elementary, and on May 24, we will host eighty five 5th graders from Greenwood Elementary. The students rotate through eight stations where GM Toledo volunteers present the **GREEN STEM** topic.

Four of the eight stations demonstrate how to check water quality by using samples from Silver Creek, which runs through the GM/UAW Family Park. The students learn how phosphates and nitrates enter water bodies and how to use a test kit to test for their levels. High levels of both indicate poor water quality. Another station explains how low levels of dissolved oxygen in the water will result in events like fish kills. The fourth water quality station is very popular with the students because they see the macroinvertebrates, like crayfish and mayfly larvae, that live in Silver Creek. The higher the number and diversity of macroinvertebrates found means the higher the water quality.

The kids are treated to hot dogs and ice cream and then enjoy some fun time in the park before returning to school.

**LifeSTEPS**  
BUILDING A HEALTHY LIFE  
ONE STEP AT A TIME

# Health Screenings

**Dates and Times:**  
Tuesday, June 19  
6:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Wednesday, June 20  
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Check your cholesterol, triglycerides, blood sugar and more

Your participation earns you a free gift and a chance to win a raffle prize!!

**Outside of the FWD Assembly Team Center!!**

Questions? Call, text, or email your LifeSteps Coordinator alicia.tollefson@gm.com or 224.407.6413

## Suggestion Promotion

### Final Drawing Winners

#### First Week's Winners

Name	Dept.
Laurayne Hayden	F331
Tony Grabarczyk	0G01

#### Second Week's Winners

Name	Dept.
Louis Sandrick	F124
Daniel Gilson	6060

#### Third and Week's Winners

Name	Dept.
Kevin Tracy	F044
Jeff Perry	F060

#### Final Week's Winners

Name	Dept.
Michael Kuszek	F334
Randy Hitt	6060



**The Toledo Mud Hens Night in the Roost**  
Saturday, June 30, 2018

 Game Time 7:05 pm

**\$45.00 with bar / \$35.00 without bar**  
All you can eat picnic dinner, open bar option and ticket to the game

**100 Tickets - No limit - Cash only**  
Local 14 UAW Union Hall Monday- Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
419-473-2854

**Indians**

**Cleveland Indians VS New York Yankees**  
**Bus Trip**

When: Sunday, Jul 15, 2018, (All day)  
Where: Progressive Field in Cleveland Ohio

**Cost \$45.00 per ticket**  
(Includes game ticket, bus ride, sack lunch, and cold soft drinks)  
Bus leaves Local 14 Union Hall at 9:45 am and will be returning around 7:00 pm

**Local 14 UAW Golf Tournament**  
Sunday, July 22, 2018  
Harbor Dunes Golf Club, Monroe, MI  
Shotgun start: 8:00 AM  
\$45 per person,



Includes golf, cart, hot dog lunch with 2 drinks, steak dinner and door prizes!  
**This is a handicap singles tournament**  
Deadline to sign up: Fri. July 13, 2018  
Sign up at Local 14 Union Hall M-F 7:30am-4:30pm

**PUT-IN-BAY BUS TRIP**

When: Saturday, Aug 11, 2018, (All day)  
**Cost per person is \$35.00 (Adults & Children)**  
Includes bus ride, Jet Express to and from island, snacks and softdrinks.

Bus leave Union Hall parking lot at 8:45 AM sharp.  
Returning at approximately 11 PM.  
Sign up now. 50 seats are available...additional bus may be added.

Large coolers and bicycles can be stored under the bus. (There will be an extra \$10 fee per bicycle for the Jet Express that will be the responsibility of the person bringing the bicycle.)

Sign up at Union Hall - 7:30 AM-4:30 PM Mon-Fri. - Cash only please

**Golf Bus Trip**  
August 18 - 19

Pine Lake GC, Hubbard, OH & Boulder Creek GC, Streetsboro, OH  
**1 night at Quality Inn, Youngstown, OH**  
**\$220 includes golf, cart, driving range and Hotel**

**Sign-up at the Union Hall - Cash Only**

#### How to contact us...

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Deadline for POWERLine is 3:00 p.m. Tuesday.

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