

GREAT GRILLING

Safe Ways To Enjoy The Thrill Of The Grill

(NAPSA)—If you own a grill, you're not alone. Statistics show that grilling has become a staple of American culture and that more than 80 percent of American families now own a barbecue grill. Of those, nearly 65 percent own propane grills.

"Given the large numbers of grillers in this country, it is imperative that safe grilling tips are made available and, more importantly, followed," says Steven Raichlen, grilling expert and author of *The Barbecue Bible*.

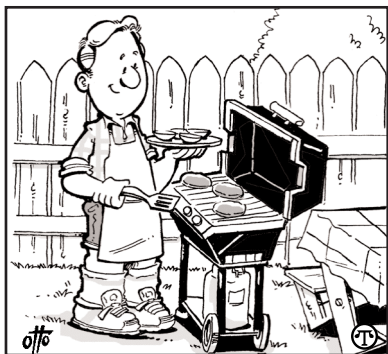
A recent survey from the Propane Education & Research Council reports that 84 percent of gas grill owners say it's important to follow basic safe grilling tips, yet only one in three say they know enough about them. Here are some important tips for grilling safely with propane.

1. When the cylinder is refilled, have the supplier check for dents, damage, rust or leaks.

2. After filling or exchanging, take the cylinder home immediately. Keep the vehicle ventilated and the cylinder valve closed and capped.

3. Always use or store cylinders outdoors in an upright (vertical) position. Do not use, store or transport cylinders near high temperatures (this includes storing spare cylinders near the grill).

4. Never leave the grill unattended. Always follow the grill manufacturer's instructions on



Safety first then the fun will follow.

lighting the grill and make sure the grill top is open.

5. Before connecting or lighting a propane gas grill, use a leak-detection solution to check connections for tightness. Do not use matches or lighters to check for leaks.

6. If you suspect a gas leak and are able to safely turn off the gas supply valve, do so immediately and call the fire department.

7. Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.

8. Do not smoke while handling a propane cylinder.

9. Never pour an accelerant such as lighter fluid or gasoline on the grill.

10. When not in use, grill burner controls should be turned off and the cylinder valve should be closed.

To learn more about propane grills and safe grilling tips, visit www.usepropane.com.