



# SUMMER SAFETY SPOT



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**CUNNINGHAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

## **Tips for a Safe Summer:**

- **Never leave a grill unattended.**  
*It is possible that the flame could get out of control and start a larger fire.*
- **Never bring charcoal grills indoors.**  
*Burning charcoal produces deadly carbon monoxide. It is also possible that a fire could break out inside your home.*
- **Patio fireplaces and chimeneas should be placed at least 15 feet from any structure or other combustible material during use.**  
*Be sure to follow basic fire safety practices such as having a means to extinguish the fire (garden hose, fire extinguisher or dirt) and never leave it unattended.*
- **Use extreme caution if you choose to light off fireworks of any kind.**  
*Be sure to check and see what, if any fireworks are permissible in the jurisdiction where you live. The fact that a firework is legal does not reduce the possibility of it starting a fire. Individuals involved with a fire that results from fireworks, either legal or illegal, can be charged with Arson.*
- **Do not allow young children to play with fireworks under any circumstances.**  
*Sparklers considered by many the ideal "safe" firework for the young, burn at very high temperatures and can easily ignite clothing. Children cannot understand the danger involved and cannot act appropriately in case of emergency*
- **Older children should only be permitted to use fireworks under close adult supervision.**  
*Do not allow any running or horseplay and never relight fireworks that malfunction.*
- **During a storm producing thunder and lightning, unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers, and turn off air conditioners.**  
*Fires started by lightning peak in the summer months and in the late afternoon and early evening.*

*For questions or further information, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 303-755-9202*