

# Huronia



## HEADED TO THE COTTAGE FOR THE LONG WEEKEND? ADD THESE ITEMS TO YOUR TO DO LIST!

Before you begin your long weekend of relaxation at the cottage, please be sure to perform a few simple fire safety activities ...

- Check your gutters. The gutters on your cottage (and home) provide a place for combustible material to accumulate. An open eaves creates an entry point for sparks and embers to land; increasing the risk of fire.
- Cut the grass. Keep grass cut to less than 10cm - fires can ignite and travel quickly through long grass. And while you're surveying your property, please also ensure that there are no trees or other vegetation overhanging your roof, which can also contribute to the spread of fire.
- Get moving! Move your firewood 10-30 meters away from your house to help prevent the spread of fire.
- Clean the grill. Before asking who wants burgers and who wants hot dogs, be sure that you have thoroughly cleaned the barbecue, burners and the briquettes (which often have a lot of grease buildup). This will help to prevent flare ups. Don't forget to check to make sure the drip tray isn't full of grease. If it is, it's time to replace it.

If you have any questions concerning fire safety at your home or cottage property, or if you require fire safety products like new fire extinguishers, fire sensors or monitoring services, [please get in touch with us.](#)

## MORE GRILLING & SAFE BBQ PRACTICES, TIPS & TRICKS

**Grilling Safety Fast Fact**

In roughly 1 of every 5 grill fires, grills have not been cleaned.

To prevent fires, keep grills clean.

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

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To help prevent fires and injuries when grilling this summer, we encourage you to review the following practices, tips and tricks when it comes to grilling and BBQ'ing.

Perform a thorough safety inspection before lighting the grill/BBQ. Make sure everything is in good working order. Check for:

- blocked burners or metal tubes near the burners
- damaged or leaking fittings and hoses (use a soapy water solution and check for bubbles, if you see bubbles, have the barbecue serviced by an authorized professional and then re-check for leaks)
- replace cracked or damaged hoses even if they are not leaking
- a damaged seal (check the seal when you get your barbecue tank refilled and check for leaks after re-installing)

When setting up your barbecue, make sure it is:

- outside and in a well-ventilated area (never inside or in an enclosed space)
- far away from combustible materials, windows and doors, deck railings and away from

eaves and overhanging tree branches

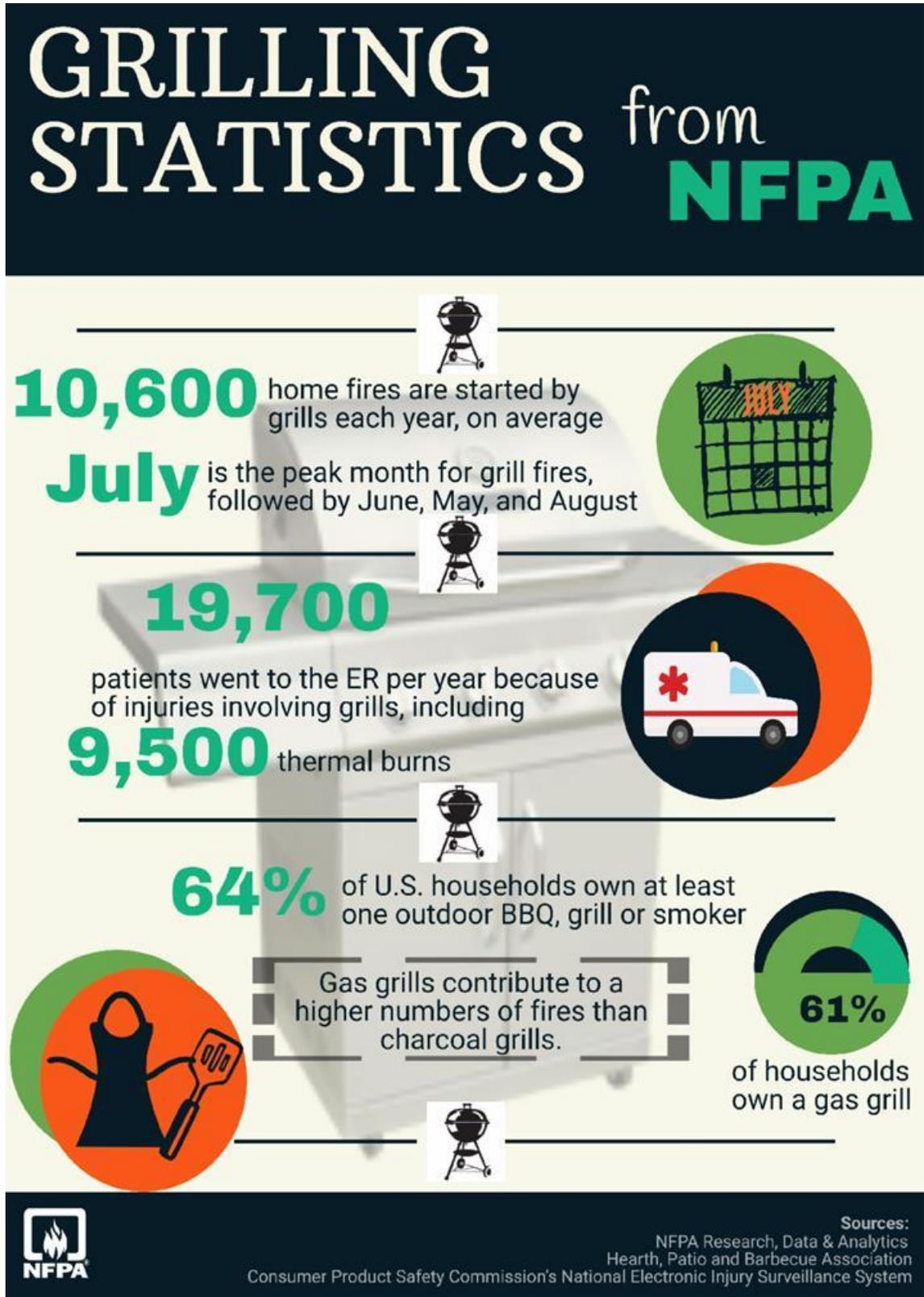
- on an even surface to reduce the risk of it tipping over

Only use an approved charcoal lighter fluid to start a charcoal-fired grill and never add any flammable liquid to a burning fire.

Be sure to follow manufacturer's instructions for lighting gas grills. If the barbecue does not light right away, turn off the gas and wait for the gas to dissipate before re-lighting

If you have a charcoal barbecue, make sure the charcoal has cooled down completely before you dispose of it (in a metal container). This could take several hours.

And lastly, remember, never leave a lit grill unattended.



## TRANSPORTING YOUR PROPANE TANK

Do you need to refill the propane for your grill? The [Technical Standards & Safety Authority](#) would like to remind you that there is a right way and a wrong way to transport propane tanks.

1. Do NOT put the propane tank loose in the trunk of your car. Instead, secure it using a seatbelt in the back seat of your vehicle.
2. Ensure that the propane tank is upright and that the service valve is plugged

3. Roll down your windows for proper ventilation



TSSA BBQ Safety Tips - Taking Your Propane Tank for a Ride

## LEAVE THE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS

The public health and safety measures being put in place to protect against the spread of COVID19 means that a lot of Canada Day fireworks celebrations have been cancelled. This may result in an increased number of individuals purchasing their own fireworks for a backyard display. [The National Fire Protection Association](#) is encouraging everyone to leave the fireworks displays to the professionals. "Every July 1, Canadians - mostly children and teenagers - are injured while using consumer fireworks. Despite the dangers of fireworks, few people understand the associated risks - devastating burns, other injuries, fires and even deaths." This will also help reduce essential workers and emergency personnel having to respond to incidents that could have been easily prevented. This year, please consider lighting up the night sky with a projector and some YouTube videos of fireworks, glow sticks and other fireworks alternatives for the kids this Canada Day. The Blue Mountains & Collingwood are hosting a virtual Canada Day celebration with a live stream from 6pm-9pm - [click here for all the details](#).

## HURONIA PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE 8TH ANNUAL GTHS WALKATHON!

It's that time of year again, when we lace up our shoes and walk in support of the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS). This year, however, the fundraising event is going to be a little bit different ... In light of COVID19, the GTHS has had to cancel some of their other major fundraising initiatives. This means that there's an even greater emphasis being placed on this virtual walkathon.

The Georgian Triangle Humane Society's  
8th Annual (Virtual) Walkathon  
**Walkathon Your Way**  
Week of August 5 - 12, 2020  
Registration opens June 3 | [www.gths.ca](http://www.gths.ca) | [events.gths.ca](http://events.gths.ca)

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"The GTHS is embracing these times of uncertainty and what makes us all different. Your walk in life is unique to you and your Walkathon should be too! 1K-10k, 50-2,500 steps, walk, get active, move your body anywhere and anytime during Walkathon Week to raise critically needed funds for animals in need. Walk with or without your pet, walk solo, walk inside or outside your house! Challenge yourself and get creative!"

The GTHS receives no government funding and they rely entirely on the generosity of the community and private corporations and foundations in order to operate. We are pleased to be the premier sponsor and we look forward to participating virtually with the GTHS this year during Walkathon week (August 5th-12th). [Click here for more information about the event](#) and [click here to register to participate](#).



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## WE'RE HIRING CFAA FIRE SAFETY TECHNICIANS

To support our commitment to exceptional customer service we are on the look-out for talented people to join our team. Some of our best leads have come from our customers, and so we are reaching out to you again!

We are recruiting specifically for full time fire safety technicians (CFAA license is required) for our Midland and Utterson locations.

**Summary of Duties includes:** inspection, verification and installation of fire alarm & life safety systems, installing, repairing, servicing, inspecting fire alarm systems/equipment and commercial kitchen suppression systems monthly/annually, assisting in the instructions of subscribers in operational procedures and care of equipment, current knowledge of codes and regulations concerning the fire alarm industry, customer service, participation in on-call emergency hours as needed and on-call rotation for after-hours emergency service, proficiency in ULC standards, building, fire, and electrical codes. [Click here for full job summary and qualifications.](#)

We are also always interested to hear from individuals with technical experience in security and life safety as well as sales. If you know of someone who is looking for an employment opportunity with a family-owned and operated business that is dedicated to customer satisfaction, [please contact us.](#)

We are also hiring for the following positions:

- Fire Safety/Customer Service Clerk
- Monitoring Station Operators (Midland)
- Security Alarm Technicians (Collingwood, Utterson, and Midland)

[Click here for more details about each job opportunity and to submit your resume.](#)

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months free monitoring for the lead; 12 months free monitoring if we employ the lead through their probationary period; an additional 24 months of free monitoring should the lead remain employed after one continuous year of service.



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