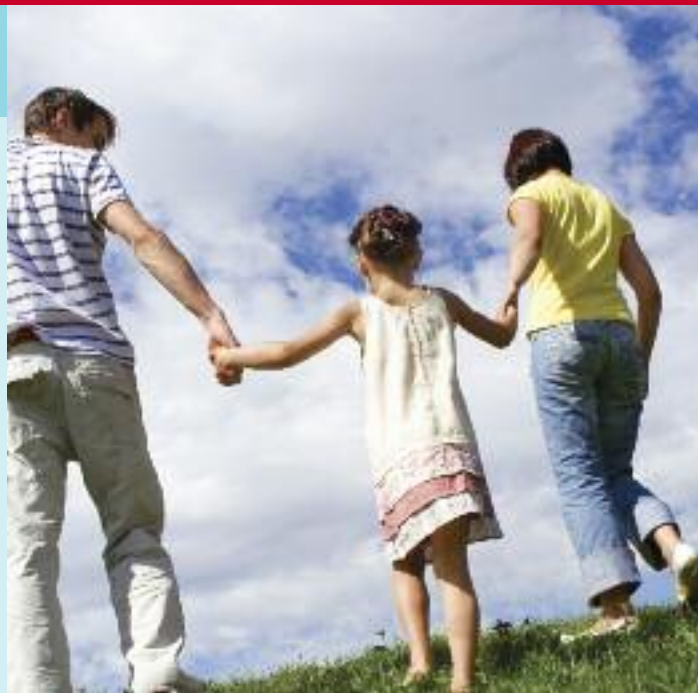


COTTAGE OPENING CHECKLIST

If you are heading to the cottage this season, take the time to follow simple safety procedures to help you make the most of your vacation.

- Visually inspect the power lines leading into your cottage. Report any damage to your local utility and have it repaired before activating your service.
- Inspect indoor and outdoor wiring for damage from mice and other rodents. Have an electrician repair any damage.
- Have propane appliances like stoves, refrigerators and heaters inspected and repaired (if necessary) by a qualified technician.
- Replace old appliances with new ones that include safety features.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace the batteries at the start of the season.
- Install a fully charged fire extinguisher in a visible place and make sure everybody knows how to use it.
- Dispose of old cleaning solvents and fuels at a hazardous waste distribution centre.



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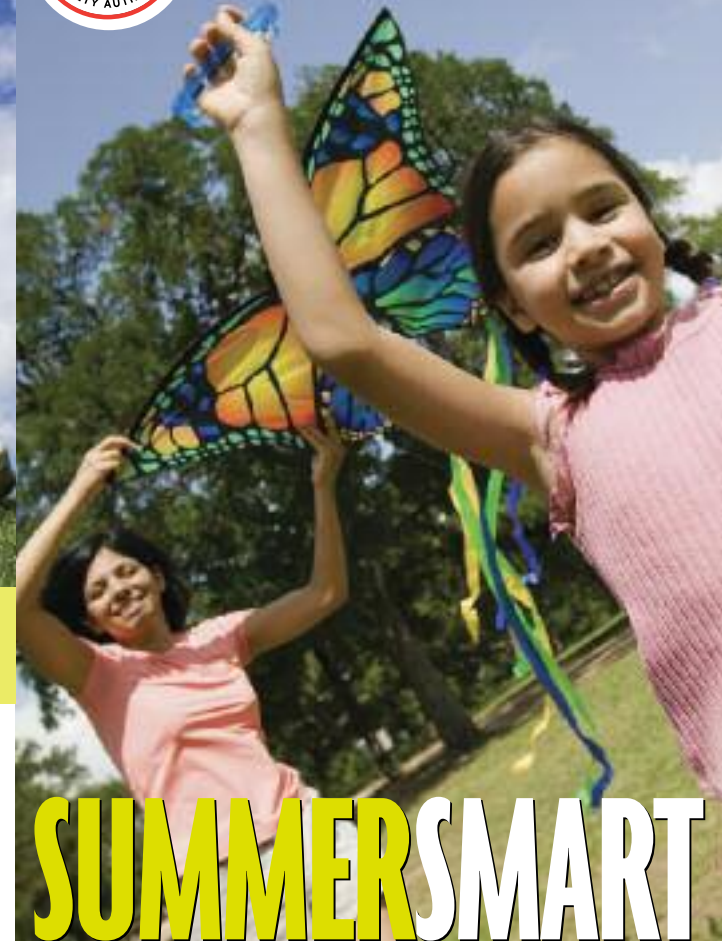
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SAFETY IN YOUR SIZZLE

Test Your BBQ for Leaks

1. CLEAN your burner ports and tubes with a pipe cleaner or wire.
2. CHECK the hose attached to your tank. If cracked or damaged, replace it.
3. TEST leaks with a 50/50 water/soap solution to cylinder connections and hoses. If bubbles appear, you've got a leak. Tighten the connection or get it fixed.

Light it Right

1. Open the hood.
2. Turn gas release valve on tank.
3. Turn on grill controls or heat settings.
4. Take a step back.
5. Push the igniter button. If there is no igniter button, insert a long match or BBQ lighter through the side burner hole first, then turn on the heat control knob.

Keep it Safe

- Grill outdoors only in a well-ventilated area.
- Always store propane cylinders outdoors.
- Stay by your grill and keep children and pets at a safe distance.
- Keep your barbecue clean to prevent grease flare-ups.
- Transport propane cylinders in an upright position while secured in the vehicle, with all the windows open.



YOUR RV AND CO

Did You Know?

Carbon monoxide (CO) can build up in your RV under certain conditions. Ensure to follow these tips to keep your mobile home-away-from-home CO free:

- Never block the combustion exhaust vent on the external wall of your trailer.
- Never construct an enclosed space around the vent (where exhaust cannot escape).
- Have a certified fuels contractor inspect and maintain your propane equipment on an annual basis.
- Install a CO alarm and propane leak alarm.
- Use designated spaces for storage and transportation of gas cylinders.

CAMPING AND FUEL HEATER SAFETY

Campsite Checklist

- Arrive at your campsite in daylight.
- Check the site for glass and sharp objects.
- Check for poison ivy, bees, ants and dead overhanging branches that may fall.
- Ensure that open fires on your campsite are permitted by local or provincial authorities.
- Ensure all propane stoves and heaters are properly connected.
- Keep your campsite tidy to avoid accidents.



Portable Propane Heater Safety

Never use a portable propane heater inside your tent, cottage – or any enclosed space. Carbon monoxide will build up to dangerous levels that will cause serious injury or even death!

When it's chilly at the cottage or campsite, stay warm by:

- sitting around the campfire;
- making a fire in the fireplace;
- using a heater that is permanently installed and properly vented; or
- plugging in an electrical space heater.