



**Moreno Valley Fire Department
Information Bulletin**

**Use of Barbecues and Open Flame Cooking Devices in
Multi-Family Residential Housing**

The Fire Prevention Bureau of the Moreno Valley Fire Department is notifying residents as of January 1, 2008, the use of barbecues and other open-flame cooking devices in multi-family residential housing balconies, patios and decks are prohibited.

Due to the number of multi-family home fires involving these types of open flame devices, the California Fire Code Section 308.1.4 prohibits charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices. These types of open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies, patios, decks or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

Exceptions:

1. One and two family dwellings
2. Where buildings, balconies, and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
3. Liquid Propane (LP-gas) cooking devices having Liquid Propane (LP- gas) containers with a water capacity, not greater 2 1/2 pounds. (Most barbecues are designed to operate using standard 20 pounds (5 gallon cylinders.)

It is the mission of the Moreno Valley Fire Department's Multi-Family Residential Housing Program to ensure a safe environment, reasonably safeguarded against the threat of fire, for all residents. Your adherence to these regulations is the key to making this a reality for all. The fire department, as well as your neighbors, appreciate your efforts in making the City of Moreno Valley a safe place for everyone.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Moreno Valley Fire Prevention Division at (951) 413-3370.

Doug Bloom – Fire Marshal

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