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Grill Smarts

It's that time of year when parishes come together in fellowship outdoors. With church picnics and festivals, youth events and other warm weather activities, there are sure to be plenty of opportunities to fire up the grill. All that summer fun comes with a significant amount of risk, so it's vital to only use grills and propane tanks that are in good working order and manufactured by reputable companies. We have updated our CARES library with best practices for [Propane/Gas Cylinders and Grill Safety](#), for all parishes and organizations that use grills and propane. Please feel free to contact your risk management specialist should you have any questions.



SAFETY TIP

Mission trips and service projects are an important part of our youth's faith formation and a way that they can represent our Catholic faith out in the world. If your parish is planning a youth trip off Church grounds - whether it's for a few hours or a few days or weeks - it's important that youth ministers, parish administrators and chaperones are all familiar with our guidelines to ensure a positive and risk-free experience for all. You can find these guidelines as well as a sample Parent/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver, by clicking [here](#).

Being Prepared for Storms

At Catholic Mutual Group, we know all too well the devastation that storms can unleash on Church property. Over the years, we have worked with many parishes that have had to totally or partially rebuild structures, replace roofs and restore precious belongings due to tornadoes, violent storms, heavy winds, hail and other effects of extreme weather. Our CARES library has a wealth of resources to help parishes plan and prepare for storms, including

our [Emergency Preparedness Overview](#), [Reduction of Lightning Exposures](#) and a guide for facility management [After the Storm](#). We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these materials and share them with the relevant personnel within your Arch/diocese. You and your personnel can also find valuable information in our [Emergency Response Procedures app](#), which is available in the App Store or the Play Store for all Apple and Android devices by searching Catholic Mutual Group. You will be asked to sign in the first time with username: cmgerp password: cmgsafe, and then can customize and localize for your particular needs using the Edit Tabs option, or the eye or phone icons. We wish you a safe and uneventful storm season.



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