

ASK BLOSSMAN:

Prep Your Grill for the Season

Q. Our grill has been sitting outside all winter. What type of things shall we be doing to prepare our grill for the grilling season?

A. Cleaning your gas grill is a good practice even if you've been grilling during the winter months.

Q. Where do I start?

A1. Evict any cobwebs, spiders or other debris from the manifolds, burner valves, connectors etc. Compressed air (available canned if you don't have an air compressor) is an efficient way to do this.

A2. Empty and clean the grease trap or drip pan; replace any disposables, such as foil pans

A3. Use a commercial grill cleaner to clean the interior and any internal parts such as the baffles, flavorizer bars etc. If your grill is polished stainless, use a commercial stainless cleaner on the exterior.

A4. Replace ceramic briquettes as needed.



Q. Should I look for leaks?

A. Yes, for safety's sake, make sure there are no leaks in your fuel delivery system. Inspect the hoses. They should not be crimped or brittle. The propane tank should not be bulging, rusted or compromised in any way. If it is, exchange it.

Q. What about testing the igniters?

A. Press the igniter button. If you don't hear a clicking noise or see a spark, change the battery. Most take an AA battery.

Q. How do I clear the burner tubes?

A. Remove the grill grate and baffles or flavorizer bars. Light your grill (raise the lid first) then observe the burners. If any holes seem plugged, clear them using a thin piece of wire or a bent paper clip. Severely clogged burners may need to be replaced.

Q. How do I know when my tank is close to being empty?

A. If you don't have a gas level indicator, pour a cup of boiling water over the outside of the tank. The water will condense as the gas level. Or, remove the tank and weigh it. A full tank should be about 38 pounds. There are several apps for iPhone or Androids that gauge the amount of propane you have on hand by analyzing the sound the tank makes when you tap it.

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