Charcoal Grill Owners Guide

Owner’s Guide

Do not discard. This owner’s guide contains important product dangers, warnings, and cautions. For assembly instructions, refer to the assembly guide. Do not use the barbecue indoors!

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SAFETY

Failure to follow the DANGERS, WARNINGS, and CAUTIONS contained in this Owner’s Guide may result in serious bodily injury or death, or may result in a fire or an explosion causing damage to property.

Please read all safety information contained in this Owner’s Guide before operating this grill.

DANGERS
△ Do not use indoors! This grill is designed for outdoor use in a well-ventilated area and is not intended for and should never be used as a heater. If used indoors, toxic fumes will accumulate and cause serious bodily injury or death.
△ Do not use in a garage, building, breezeway, or any other enclosed area.
△ Do not use petrol, alcohol, or other highly volatile fluids to ignite charcoal. If using charcoal starter fluid (not recommended), remove any fluid that may have drained through the bowl vents before lighting the charcoal.
△ Do not add charcoal starter fluid or charcoal impregnated with charcoal lighter fluid to hot or warm charcoal. Cap starter fluid after use, and place a safe distance away from the grill.
△ Keep the cooking area clear of flammable vapour and liquids, such as petrol, alcohol, etc., and combustible material.

WARNINGS
△ Do not use this grill unless all parts are in place. This grill must be properly assembled according to the assembly instructions. Improper assembly may be dangerous.
△ Never use grill without the ash catcher installed.
△ Do not use this grill under any overhead combustible construction.
△ The use of alcohol, prescription, or non-prescription drugs may impair the consumer’s ability to properly assemble or safely operate the grill.
△ Exercise caution when operating your grill. It will be hot during cooking or cleaning, and should never be left unattended.
△ WARNING! This barbecue will become very hot, do not move it during operation.
△ WARNING! Keep children and pets away.
△ WARNING! Do not use spirit or petrol for lighting or re-lighting! Use only firelighters complying to EN 1860-3!
△ When using liquid starters always check ash catcher before lighting. Fluid can collect in the ash catcher and could ignite, resulting in a fire below the bowl. Remove any starting fluid from the ash catcher before lighting charcoal.
△ This grill is not intended to be installed in or on recreational vehicles and/or boats.
△ Do not use this grill within five feet (1.5 m) of any combustible material. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, wood or treated wood decks, patios, and porches.
△ Keep the grill on a secure, level surface at all times, clear of combustible material.
△ Do not place grill on glass or a combustible surface.
△ Do not use grill in high winds.
△ Do not wear clothing with loose flowing sleeves while lighting or using the grill.
△ Never touch the cooking or charcoal grate, ashes, charcoal, or the grill to see if they are hot.
△ Extinguish charcoal when finished cooking. To extinguish, close bowl vent and lid damper and place lid on bowl.
△ Use heat-resistant barbecue mitts or gloves while cooking, adjusting air vents (dampers), adding charcoal, and handling thermometer or lid.
△ Use proper tools, with long, heat-resistant handles.
△ Always put charcoal on top of the charcoal (lower) grate. Do not put charcoal directly in the bottom of the bowl.
△ Never dump hot charcoal where it might be stepped on or be a fire hazard. Never dump ashes or charcoal before they are fully extinguished.
△ Do not store grill until ashes and charcoal are fully extinguished.
△ Do not remove ashes until all charcoal is completely burned out and fully extinguished and grill is cool.
△ Keep electrical wires and cords away from the hot surfaces of the grill and away from high traffic areas.
△ Do not hang the lid on the bowl handle.
△ WARNING! Do not use the barbecue in a confined and/or habitable space e.g. houses, tents, caravans, motor homes, boats. Danger of carbon monoxide poisoning fatality.

CAUTIONS
△ Do not use water to control flare-ups or to extinguish charcoal.
△ Lining the bowl with aluminum foil will obstruct the air flow. Instead, use a drip pan to catch drippings from meat when cooking using the indirect method.
△ Grill brushes should be checked for loose bristles and excessive wear on a regular basis. Replace brush if any loose bristles are found on cooking grate or brush. WEBER recommends purchasing a new stainless steel bristle grill brush at the beginning of every spring.
Thank you for purchasing a WEBER product. Weber-Stephen Products LLC, 1415 S. Roselle Road, Palatine, Illinois 60067 (“WEBER”) prides itself on delivering a safe, durable, and reliable product.

This is WEBER’s Voluntary Warranty provided to you at no extra charge. It contains the information you will need to have your WEBER product repaired in the unlikely event of a failure or defect.

Pursuant to applicable laws, the customer has several rights in case the product is defective. Those rights include supplementary performance or replacement, abatement of the purchasing price, and compensation. In the European Union, for example, this would be a two-year statutory warranty starting on the date of the handover of the product. These and other statutory rights remain unaffected by this warranty provision. In fact, this warranty grants additional rights to the Owner that are independent from statutory warranty provisions.

WEBER's Voluntary Warranty

WEBER warrants, to the purchaser of the WEBER product (or in the case of a gift or promotional item, the person for whom it was purchased as a gift or promotional item), that the WEBER product is free from defects in material and workmanship for the period(s) of time specified below when assembled and operated in accordance with the accompanying Owner’s Manual. (Note: If you lose or misplace your WEBER Owner’s Manual, a replacement is available online at www.weber.com, or such country-specific website to which Owner may be redirected.) Under normal, private single family home or apartment use and maintenance, WEBER agrees within the framework of this warranty to repair or replace defective parts within the applicable time periods, limitations, and exclusions listed below.

To ensure trouble-free warranty coverage, it is important (but it is not required) that you register your WEBER product online at www.weber.com, or such country-specific website to which Owner may be redirected. Please also retain your original sales receipt and/or invoice. Registering your WEBER product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link between you and WEBER in case we need to contact you.

The above warranty only applies if the Owner takes reasonable care of the WEBER product by following all assembly instructions, usage instructions, and preventative maintenance as outlined in the accompanying Owner’s Manual, unless the Owner can prove that the defect or failure is independent of non-compliance with the above mentioned obligations. If you live in a coastal area, or have your product located near a pool, maintenance includes regular washing and rinsing of the exterior surfaces as outlined in the accompanying Owner’s Manual.

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This WARRANTY lapses if there are damages, deteriorations, discolorations, and/or rust for which WEBER is not responsible caused by:

- Abuse, misuse, alteration, modification, misapplication, vandalism, neglect, improper assembly or installation, and failure to properly perform normal and routine maintenance;
- Insects and rodents;
- Exposure to salt air and/or chlorine sources such as swimming pools and hot tubs/spas;
- Severe weather conditions such as hail, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis or surges, tornados or severe storms.

The use and/or installation of parts on your WEBER product that are not genuine WEBER parts will void this Warranty, and any damages that result hereby are not covered by this Warranty. Any conversion of a gas grill not authorized by WEBER and performed by a WEBER authorized service technician will void this Warranty.

**Product Warranty Periods**

- Bowl, lid, and center ring: 10 years, rust through/burn through
- ONE-TOUCH cleaning system: 5 years, rust through/burn through
- Plastic components: 5 years, excluding fading or discoloration
- All remaining parts: 2 years

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APART FROM THE WARRANTY AND DISCLAIMERS AS DESCRIBED IN THIS WARRANTY STATEMENT, THERE ARE EXPLICITLY NO FURTHER WARRANTY OR VOLUNTARY DECLARATIONS OF LIABILITY GIVEN HERE WHICH GO BEYOND THE STATUTORY LIABILITY APPLYING TO WEBER. THE PRESENT WARRANTY STATEMENT ALSO DOES NOT LIMIT OR EXCLUDE SITUATIONS OR CLAIMS WHERE WEBER HAS MANDATORY LIABILITY AS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE.

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PARTS AND ACCESSORIES REPLACED UNDER THIS WARRANTY ARE WARRANTED ONLY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ORIGINAL WARRANTY PERIOD(S).

THIS WARRANTY APPLIES TO PRIVATE SINGLE FAMILY HOME OR APARTMENT USE ONLY AND DOES NOT APPLY TO WEBER GRILLS USED IN COMMERCIAL, COMMUNAL OR MULTI-UNIT SETTINGS SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, RESORTS, OR RENTAL PROPERTIES.

WEBER MAY FROM TIME TO TIME CHANGE THE DESIGN OF ITS PRODUCTS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS WARRANTY SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS OBLIGATING WEBER TO INCORPORATE SUCH DESIGN CHANGES INTO PREVIOUSLY MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS, NOR SHALL SUCH CHANGES BE CONSTRUED AS AN ADMISSION THAT PREVIOUS DESIGNS WERE DEFECTIVE.

Refer to International Business Units list at the end of this Owner’s Manual for additional contact information.

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Extensive thought was put into how your WEBER charcoal grill was designed. We design our grills to perform so that you never have to worry about flare-ups, hot and cold spots, or burnt food. Expect excellent performance, control, and results every time.

A Bowl and Lid
Every WEBER charcoal grill is made with a baked-on porcelain-enamel coated steel bowl and lid. This is important because it means it will never peel or flake. The reflective surface provides convection cooking, so that the heat radiates around the food much like an indoor oven providing you with even cooking results.

B Dampers and Vents
A big factor in charcoal grilling is air. The more air that you allow into the grill, the hotter the internal temperature will be until the fuel has been maximized. During cooking, you can control the internal grill temperature by easily adjusting the lid and bowl dampers. To ensure a high internal grill temperature for direct method cooking, be sure that the bowl and lid vents are fully open. If your intention is to cook indirectly at lower temperatures, you can close the lid and bowl dampers as much as halfway. Closing the dampers completely will cut off oxygen flow and will eventually extinguish the coals.

C Cooking Grate
Made of heavy-duty steel, the cooking grate provides ample area to make all of your favorite meals.

D Charcoal Grate
The charcoal grate has what it takes to withstand the heat of any charcoal fire. Made of heavy-duty steel, this durable grate will not warp or burn through. Additionally, it gives you enough space for direct or indirect cooking, providing you with the flexibility to cook the way you want.

E ONE-TOUCH Cleaning System
The ONE-TOUCH cleaning system makes cleanup hassle free. As you move the handle back and forth, the three blades in the bowl move ash from the bottom of the grill into the ash catcher. These same vents act as a bowl damper, to help bring oxygen up to the fire or to allow you to easily extinguish the fire.
The model you purchased is equipped with the features described on this page.

A Built-In Thermometer
A durable, built-in lid thermometer allows you to easily monitor your grill’s temperature.

B Lid Hook
Inside the grill lid is an angled lid hook. Simply slide the lid to the side and hang the lid on the bowl.

C Hinged Cooking Grate
The hinged grate has an area on both sides that lift up to allow you to easily add fuel.

D High Capacity Ash Catcher
The fully enclosed high capacity ash catcher keeps ashes from blowing around and easily detaches for quick and clean ash removal.

E Tool Hook Handle
The handle has hooks built right in so you have a convenient place to hang your tools.

F Bowl Vents for Low Temperature Grilling
The new shape of these bowl vents allow the perfect amount of airflow for low temperature grilling.

G Curved Cooking Grate Handles
The curved handles of the cooking grate allow it to hang from the side of the bowl.

H Lid Damper Touch Point
The lid damper touch point diffuses heat from the lid damper for increased comfort.
Choose a Proper Location to Grill

- Only use this grill outdoors in a well-ventilated area. Do not use in a garage, building, breezeway, or any other enclosed area.
- Keep the grill on a secure, level surface at all times.
- Do not use grill within five feet (1.5 m) of any combustible material. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, wood or treated wood decks, patios, and porches.

Choose How Much Charcoal to Use

Choosing charcoal quantity depends on what you are grilling and the size of your grill. If you are grilling small, tender pieces of food that take less than 20 minutes, refer to the Measuring & Adding Charcoal for Direct Heat chart. If you are intending to grill larger cuts of meat that require 20 minutes or more of grilling time, or delicate foods, refer to the Measuring & Adding Charcoal for Indirect Heat chart. For more details about the difference between direct and indirect cooking, refer to the GRILLING METHODS sections.

The Very First Time You Grill

It is recommended that the grill be heated up and the fuel kept red hot, with the lid on, for at least 30 minutes prior to cooking for the first time to burn off any manufacturing residue.

Preparing the Grill for Lighting

1. Slide the lid open and hang it from the lid hook on the side of the bowl (A).
   
   Note: Do not hang the lid on the bowl handle.

2. Remove the cooking grate from the grill. The curved handles of the cooking grate allow it to hang from the side of the bowl (B).

3. Remove the charcoal (bottom) grate and clear ashes or chunks of old charcoal from the bottom of the bowl using the ONE-TOUCH cleaning system. Charcoal requires oxygen to burn, so be sure that nothing clogs the vents. Move the handle back and forth to move ash and debris from the bottom of the grill into the ash catcher (C).

4. To remove the high capacity ash catcher and dispose of the ashes, squeeze the ash catcher handle to release it from the grill (D).

5. Open the bowl vents by moving the ONE-TOUCH damper blade handle to the fully open position (E).

6. Replace charcoal (bottom) grate.

7. Open the lid vents by moving the lid damper to the fully open position (F).

Instructions for using lighter fluid were purposely left out of this owner’s guide. Lighter fluid is messy and can transmit a chemical taste to your food, while lighter cubes (sold separately) do not. If you choose to use lighter fluid, follow the manufacturer’s instructions and NEVER add lighter fluid to a burning fire.
Before lighting charcoal, determine which grilling method you will be using.

Setting Up the Grill for Direct Grilling Method

Lighting the Charcoal Using a Chimney Starter

The simplest, most thorough way to light any kind of charcoal is to use a chimney starter; particularly, the WEBER RAPIDFIRE chimney starter (sold separately). Refer to the cautions and warnings included with the RAPIDFIRE chimney starter before lighting charcoal.

1. Put a few sheets of crumpled up newspaper in the bottom of the chimney starter and set the chimney starter on the charcoal (bottom) grate (A); or put a few lighter cubes (sold separately) in the center of the charcoal grate and place the chimney starter over them (B).

2. Fill the chimney starter with charcoal (C).

3. Using a long lighter or matchstick, light the lighter cubes or newspaper through the holes on the bottom side of the chimney starter (D).

4. Keep the chimney starter in place until the charcoal is fully lit. You know the charcoal is fully lit when it is covered with a coating of white ash.

   *Note: Lighter cubes must be completely consumed and the charcoal ashed over before placing food on the cooking grate. Do not cook before the charcoal has a coating of ash.*

5. Once the charcoal is fully lit, continue to the following pages for instructions on how to arrange your charcoal and begin cooking according to your desired grilling method.

Lighting the Charcoal Without a Chimney Starter

1. Build a pyramid of charcoal in the center of the charcoal (bottom) grate and insert a couple of lighter cubes (sold separately) within the pyramid.

2. Using a long lighter or matchstick, light the lighter cubes. The lighter cubes will then ignite the charcoal (E).

3. Wait for the charcoal to fully light. You know the charcoal is fully lit when it is covered with a coating of white ash.

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**LIGHTING CHARCOAL**

**Setting Up the Grill for Indirect Grilling Method**

When using the indirect grilling method, spread the coals directly on the charcoal (bottom) grate on opposite sides of the bowl.

△ Avoid positioning charcoal next to the bowl handles or directly beneath the thermometer and lid damper.

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Lighting the Charcoal Without a Chimney Starter

Avoid positioning charcoal next to the bowl handles or directly beneath the thermometer and lid damper.

1. Place the charcoal on opposite sides of the bowl (A).

2. Insert a couple of lighter cubes (sold separately) within the charcoal.

   Note: Be sure to slightly bury them at the top of the charcoal briquettes.

3. Using a long lighter or matchstick, light the lighter cubes (B). The lighter cubes will then ignite the charcoal.

4. Wait for the charcoal to fully light. You know the charcoal is fully lit when it is covered with a coating of white ash.

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Measuring & Adding Charcoal for Indirect Heat

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Grilling With Direct Heat

Use the direct method for small, tender pieces of food that take less than 20 minutes to cook, such as:

- Hamburgers
- Steaks
- Chops
- Kabobs
- Boneless chicken pieces
- Fish fillets
- Shellfish
- Sliced vegetables

With direct heat, the fire is right below the food (A). It sears the surfaces of the food, developing flavors, texture, and delicious caramelization while it also cooks the food all the way to the center.

A direct fire creates both radiant and conductive heat. Radiant heat from the charcoal quickly cooks the surface of the food closest to it. At the same time, the fire heats the cooking grate rods, which conducts heat directly to the surface of the food and creates those unmistakable and lovely grill marks.

Arranging the Charcoal for Direct Heat

1. Put on barbecue mitts or gloves.  
   \textit{CAUTION:} The grill, including the handle and damper/vent handles, will become hot. Make sure that you are wearing barbecue mitts or gloves to avoid burning your hands.

2. After the charcoal is fully lit, spread them evenly across the charcoal grate with long handle tongs (B) or using a WEBER charcoal rake (sold separately).

3. Make sure the ONE-TOUCH cleaning system handle and lid damper are in the fully open position (C), (D).

4. Once the charcoal has ashed over, replace the cooking grate inside the bowl.

5. Slide the lid closed on the grill.

6. Preheat the cooking grate for approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

7. Once the cooking grate is preheated, slide the lid open. Using a grill brush, scrub the cooking grate clean (E).

   \textit{Note:} When using a stainless steel bristle grill brush, replace the brush if any loose bristles are found on the cooking grate or brush.

8. Place your food on the cooking grate.

   \textit{Note:} When removing the grill lid during cooking, slide it to the side, rather than straight up. Lifting straight up may create suction, drawing ashes up onto your food.

9. Slide the lid closed and consult recipe for recommended cooking times.

When finished cooking...

Close the lid damper and bowl vents to extinguish the charcoal (F).
Grilling With Indirect Heat

Use the indirect method for larger cuts of meat that require 20 minutes or more of grilling time, or for foods so delicate that direct exposure to the heat would dry them out or scorch them, such as:

- Roasts
- Bone-in poultry pieces
- Whole fish
- Delicate fish fillets
- Whole chickens
- Turkeys
- Ribs

Indirect heat can also be used for finishing thicker foods or bone-in cuts that have been seared or browned first over direct heat. With indirect heat, the heat is on one or both sides of the grill. The food sits on the portion of the cooking grate without charcoal directly below it (A).

The radiant and conductive heat are still factors, but they are not as intense while indirect cooking. However, if the lid of the grill is closed, as it should be, there is another kind of heat generated: convection heat. Heat rises, reflects off the lid and inside surfaces of the grill, and circulates to slowly cook the food evenly on all sides.

Convection heat doesn’t sear the surface of the food the way radiant and conductive heat do. It cooks it more gently all the way to the center, like the heat in an oven.

Arranging the Charcoal for Indirect Heat

1. Put on barbecue mitts or gloves.
   CAUTION: The grill, including the handles, lid damper and bowl vents, will become hot. Make sure that you are wearing barbecue mitts or gloves to avoid burning your hands.

2. Once the charcoal is fully lit using your preferred indirect grilling method (refer to “Lighting Charcoal” section), using barbeque mitts or gloves and long handle tongs, be sure that the charcoal is properly positioned on opposite sides of the bowl. Avoid positioning the charcoal next to the bowl handles, or directly beneath the thermometer and lid damper (B). A drip pan may be placed between the charcoal to collect food drippings.

3. Make sure the ONE-TOUCH cleaning system handle and lid damper are in the fully open position (C), (D).

4. Once the charcoal has ashed over, replace the cooking grate inside the bowl. If your cooking grate has hinged sides, make sure that they are directly above the charcoal inside the bowl. This will make it easy to add more charcoal if needed.

5. Slide the lid closed on the grill.

6. Preheat the grate for approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

7. Once the cooking grate is preheated, slide the lid open. Using a grill brush, scrub the cooking grate clean (E).

   Note: When using a stainless steel bristle grill brush, replace the brush if any loose bristles are found on the cooking grate or brush.

8. Place your food in the center of the cooking grate, above a drip pan if using one.

   Note: When removing the grill lid during cooking, slide it to the side, rather than straight up. Lifting straight up may create suction, drawing ashes up onto your food.

9. Slide the lid closed. Always position the lid so that the thermometer is not above the charcoal where it will be exposed to direct heat. Consult recipe for recommended cooking times. Adjust the lid and bowl damper positions to lower the interior grill temperature if needed.

   Note: Rotate the lid damper fully open to raise the temperature and close it more to lower the temperature.

When finished cooking...

Close the lid damper and bowl vents to extinguish the charcoal (F).
Cooking times for beef and lamb use the USDA's definition of medium doneness, unless otherwise noted. The cuts, thicknesses, weights, and grilling times are meant to be guidelines. Factors such as altitude, wind, and outside temperature can affect cooking times.

Visit www.weber.com for recipes and grilling tips.

### Cooking Tips

- Grill steaks, fish fillets, boneless chicken pieces, and vegetables using the direct method for the time given on the chart (or to the desired doneness) turning food once, halfway through grilling time.
- Grill roasts, whole poultry, bone-in poultry pieces, whole fish, and thicker cuts using the indirect method for the time given on the chart (or until an instant-read thermometer registers the desired internal temperature).
- Before carving, let roasts, larger cuts of meat, and thick chops and steaks rest for 5 to 10 minutes after cooking. The internal temperature of the meat will rise 5 to 10 degrees during this time.
- For additional smoke flavor, consider adding hardwood chips or chunks (soaked in water for at least 30 minutes and drained) or moistened fresh herbs such as rosemary, thyme, or bay leaves. Place the wet wood or herbs directly on the coals just before you begin cooking.
- Thaw food before grilling. Otherwise, allow for a longer cooking time if cooking frozen food.

### Food Safety Tips

- Do not defrost meat, fish, or poultry at room temperature. Defrost in the refrigerator.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with hot, soapy water before starting any meal preparation and after handling fresh meat, fish, and poultry.
- Never place cooked food on the same plate raw food was on.
- Wash all plates and cooking utensils that have come into contact with raw meats or fish with hot, soapy water and rinse.

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| **POULTRY**        |                                |
| Chicken Thigh: boneless, skinless | 4 oz (113 g) | 8 to 10 minutes indirect medium heat |
| Chicken Breast: boneless, skinless | 6 oz to 8 oz (170 g to 226 g) | 8 to 12 minutes indirect medium heat |
| Chicken: whole | 4 lb (1.81 kg) to 5 lb (2.26 kg) | 10 to 12 minutes indirect medium heat |
| Cornish Game Hen | 1½ lb (680 g) to 2 lb (907 g) | 60 to 70 minutes indirect medium heat |
| Turkey: whole, un stuffed | 10 lb (4.53 kg) to 12 lb (5.44 kg) | 2 to 2½ hours indirect medium heat |

| **FISH**            |                                |
| Fish, Fillet, or Steak: halibut, red snapper, salmon, sea bass, swordfish, tuna | ½ in to 1¼ in (0.63 cm to 1.27 cm) thick | 3 to 5 minutes indirect medium heat |
| Fish: whole | 1 lb (453 g) | 15 to 20 minutes indirect medium heat |
| Shrimp: whole | 1½ oz (28 g) | 2 to 4 minutes direct high heat |

| **VEGETABLES**      |                                |
| Asparagus           | ½ in (1.27 cm) diameter | 6 to 8 minutes direct medium heat |
| Corn                | in husk | 25 to 30 minutes direct medium heat |
| Mushroom            | shitake or button | 8 to 10 minutes direct medium heat |
| Onion               | halved | 35 to 40 minutes indirect medium heat |
| Potato              | whole | 45 to 60 minutes indirect medium heat |
|                     | ½ in (1.27 cm) slices | 9 to 11 minutes parboil 3 minutes, and grill 6 to 8 minutes direct medium heat |

Make sure food fits on the grill with the lid down, leaving approximately 1 inch (2.54 cm) of clearance between the food and lid.
Wear Gloves
Always wear a barbecue mitt or mitts when using your charcoal grill. Vents, dampers, handles, and the bowl will all get hot during the grilling process, so be sure to keep your hands and forearms protected.

Skip the Lighter Fluid
Avoid using lighter fluid, as it can impart a chemical taste to your food. Chimney starters (sold separately) and lighter cubes (sold separately) are much cleaner and more effective ways of lighting charcoal.

Preheat the Grill
Preheating your grill with the lid closed for 10 to 15 minutes prepares the cooking grate. With all of the charcoal glowing red, the temperature under the lid should reach 500˚F. The heat loosens any bits and pieces of food hanging onto the grate, making it easy to brush them off with a stainless steel bristle grill brush. Preheating your grill gets the grate hot enough to sear properly and also helps prevent food from sticking to the grate.

Note: Use a stainless steel bristle grill brush. Replace brush if any loose bristles are found on cooking grate or brush.

Oil the Food, Not the Grate
Oil prevents food from sticking and also adds flavor and moisture. Lightly brushing or spraying the food with oil works better than brushing the grate.

Keep the Air Flowing
A charcoal fire needs air. The lid should be closed as much as possible, but keep the lid damper and bowl vent open. Remove the ashes on the bottom of the grill regularly to prevent them from blocking the vents.

Put a Lid on It
For four important reasons, the lid should be closed as much as possible.
1. Keeps the grate hot enough to sear the food.
2. Speeds up the cooking time and prevents the food from drying out.
3. Traps the smokiness that develops when fat and juices vaporize in the grill.
4. Prevents flare-ups by limiting oxygen.

Tame the Flame
Flare-ups happen, which is good because they sear the surface of what you are grilling; however, too many flare-ups can burn your food. Keep the lid on as much as possible. This limits the amount of oxygen inside the grill, which will help extinguish any flare-ups. If the flames are getting out of control, move the food over indirect heat temporarily, until they die down.

Watch the Time and Temperature
If you are grilling in a colder climate or in a higher altitude, the cooking times will be longer. If the wind is blowing hard, it will raise a charcoal grill’s temperature, so always keep close to your grill and remember to keep the lid on as much as possible so that the heat does not escape.

Frozen or Fresh
Whether you are grilling frozen or fresh food, follow the safety guidelines on the package and always cook it to the recommended internal temperature. Frozen food will take longer to grill and may need more fuel to be added depending on the type of food.

Keeping it Clean
Follow a few basic maintenance instructions to keep your grill looking and grilling better for years to come!
• For proper air flow and better grilling, remove accumulated ashes and old charcoal from the bottom of the kettle and the ash catcher before use. Make sure that all of the charcoal is fully extinguished and the grill is cool before doing so.
• You may notice “paint-like” flakes on the inside of the lid. During use, grease and smoke vapors slowly oxidize into carbon and deposit on the inside of your lid. Brush the carbonized grease from the inside of the lid with a stainless steel bristle grill brush. To minimize further build-up, the inside of the lid can be wiped with a paper towel after cooking while the grill is still warm (not hot).
• Clean painted, porcelain-enameled, and plastic surfaces on the outside of your grill with warm soapy water and a non-abrasive cloth.
• If your grill is subject to a particularly harsh environment, you will want to clean the outside more often. Acid rain, chemicals, and salt water can cause surface rusting to appear. WEBER recommends wiping down the outside of your grill with warm soapy water. Follow up with a rinse and thorough drying.
• Do not use any of the following to clean your grill: abrasive stainless steel polishes or paints, cleaners that contain acid, mineral spirits or xylene, oven cleaner, abrasive cleansers (kitchen cleansers), and abrasive cleaning pads.
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