



Fire Safety Bulletin – BBQ Fire Safety

A beautiful Spring means that Barbeque season is here!
Here's a few grilling tips for cooking outdoors so that you can enjoy yourself and stay safe!

Propane (gas) Grills

- Locate grill at least 10 feet away from any building or combustibles.
- Store and use grills on flat, non-flammable surfaces.
- A compatible fire extinguisher must be present.
- Grills must be in proper working order at all times. They should be checked prior to each use. Grills should be cleaned regularly to avoid grease buildup.
- Never leave a grill unattended when in use and keep children away.
- Never start a grill with the lid closed. Gas can accumulate and cause an explosion.
- Never store propane indoors or near any heat source.
- Never wear loose clothing that may catch fire.

Charcoal Grills

- Never use any flammable liquid other than barbeque starter fluid and never apply starter fluid directly to an open flame.
- Remove the charcoal ashes from the grill and place them in a metal container and add water. Do not discard the ashes for 24 hours.
- Never use the grill indoors – it's an obvious fire hazard but it also generates large amounts of carbon monoxide.

In Case of a Barbeque Fire

- For propane grills-turn off the burners. If you can safely reach the tank valve, shut it off.
- If the fire involves the propane tank, evacuate the area and call the Fire Department.
- For charcoal grills-close the lid.
- Never attempt to extinguish a grease fire with water. Use only an approved (ABC) extinguisher.

Note: Barbeque grills are only permitted on St. John's campuses with permission of Student Life, Conference Services, and Public Safety and only under the supervision of Chartwell and/or Facilities Services personnel.

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