



Guidelines for Safe Use of Barbecue Grills

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this guideline is provided for the safe use of barbecue grills on Auburn University's Campus.

II. OBJECTIVE

This guideline is established in accordance with the guidelines of the U.S. Fire Administration and the 2003 National Fire Protection Association 1, *Uniform Fire Code, Section 10.11.7* to ensure the safe use of outdoor barbecue grills on Auburn University's Campus.

III. SCOPE

This guideline applies to all University faculty, staff, students, visitors and contractors.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Hibachi grills, gas fired grills, charcoal grills or other similar devices used for cooking and heating or any other purpose shall not be used on a balcony or under any overhanging portion of a structure. Listed electric ranges, grills, or similar electrical apparatus are permitted.
- Grilling apparatus must not be located within 10 feet of any structure or within 20 feet of a building air intake, door, window, or any other opening.
- Provide a minimum 2 lb. multi-purpose dry chemical (1-A: 10-B: C) portable fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply at the grilling site.
- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grills
- **Never leave the grill unattended!**
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire; the flames can flashback up into the container.
- Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department (911). Do not move the grill.

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- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place hot coals in plastic, paper or wooden containers. Coals should be completely cool before disposing in a metal container.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 if a burn warrants serious medical attention.
- Area should be restored to its original condition following the event.

Source: U.S. Fire Administration and the 2003 NFPA 1, *Uniform Fire Code*