Fire Safety Regulations for Barbecues

Environmental Health & Safety deals only with the safety aspects of outdoor activities. Sponsors of activities must also secure land use permission from the University's Physical Plant Department. You may contact the Physical Plant’s Director of Customer Service by calling 545-0600.

- Notify Environmental Health & Safety prior to the event.
- All cooking fires must be contained within a cooking unit; e.g., barbecue grille, 1/2 barrel, full barrel, or fireplace.
- Charcoal Lighter fluid is the only starter fluid permitted. Charcoal lighter fluid must be used with caution and must not be added to the fire once it has been started.
- Locate cooking equipment away from combustible materials, and such that smoke does not enter buildings. Locate grille so that it is not a danger to participants.
- Do not attempt to extinguish the fire at the end of the event. Allow to cool a minimum of 24 hours prior to disposal.