

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Barbeque Guidelines



The UCDH Fire Marshal's Office is frequently asked questions by the campus community regarding the placement of barbecues and if a permit is needed prior to using the barbecue. **It is the Fire Marshal's Office goal to establish guidelines such that permits for barbecue related activities are not required.**

General Requirements:

- ✓ Barbecue must be attended at all times.
- ✓ Barbecues are to be used outside, a minimum of ten feet from the nearest building, projection, and/or overhang or combustible material (including trees).
- ✓ Only lighter fluid approved for use with barbecues may be used, and the lighter fluid container must be removed to a minimum distance of ten feet from the barbecue before igniting the briquettes. The Fire Marshal's Office recommends storing barbecue lighter fluid in a secured metal cabinet.
- ✓ When finished cooking, you may leave the coals in the barbecue until completely cooled (48 hours is recommended). Another option is to place the cooled briquettes in a metal bucket of water for a minimum of 30 minutes. Ensure the coals are cool to the touch before discarding them into any dumpster.
- ✓ The Fire Marshal's Office recommends a bucket of water be kept nearby anytime a barbecue is in use (suggested size of bucket - 5 gallons).
- ✓ Barbecues are **NOT** permitted for use on patios or decks above the ground level.
- ✓ Maintain an appropriate distance from the air intake(s) so that the smoke stays outside the building.



Non-landscaped Areas (Example: Mind Institute Lawn Area)

In non-landscaped areas the following, along with the above requirements, must also be addressed:

- ✓ Non-landscaped areas must be cleared of all combustibles for a minimum of ten feet in all directions.
- ✓ Barbecue must be completely extinguished prior to leaving the site.
- ✓ At least one (1) five-gallon bucket of water must be present during barbecuing.

Should the barbecue operation not fall into the guidelines listed above, please contact the Fire Marshal's Office at 734-3036 so options can be discussed to allow safe operation of the barbecue. Please remember that campfires are not considered barbecues.