



## Barbecue Guidelines



The UC Davis Fire Department 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 Department's goal to establish guidelines such that permits for barbecue related activities are not required.

### General Requirements:

1. Barbecue must be attended at all times.
2. 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 Department recommends storing barbecue lighter fluid in a secured metal cabinet.
3. 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 bucket of water before discarding them. Ensure the coals are cool to the touch before discarding them into any dumpster.
4. The Fire Department recommends a bucket of water be kept nearby anytime a barbecue is in use (suggested size of bucket - 5 gallons).
5. Barbecues are not permitted for use on patios or decks above the ground level.
6. Barbecues are to be used outside, a minimum of ten feet from the nearest building, projection, and/or overhang or combustible material (including trees).

### **Non-landscaped Areas (Example: Alpha Phi Omega Picnic Grounds)**

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

1. Non-landscaped areas must be cleared of all combustibles for a minimum of ten feet in all directions.
2. Barbecue must be completely extinguished prior to leaving the site.
3. 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 Department at 752-1236 so options can be discussed to allow safe operation of the barbecue. Please remember that campfires are not considered barbecues.