TULANE UNIVERSITY BARBECUE SAFETY GUIDELINES

Restricted Use Areas: Use of charcoal and gas hibachis, grills, or similar devices used for cooking is permitted on-campus under certain conditions. Such devices may never be used:

- On any balcony
- Under any overhanging portion of a building or structure
- Within 10 feet of any building or structure

Materials: The Tulane University Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) discourages the use of propane/gas grills due to safety issues associated with gas tank storage. Charcoal and lighter fluid may be used; however these items may not be stored on-campus, and must be removed from the area immediately after an activity. All grills must be used according to the manufacturer’s recommendations. If propane/ gas grills will be used, the grills and gas tanks must:

- Be secured to the grill or other suitable support
- Be located to minimize exposure to excessive temperature rises, physical damage, or tampering
- Not be stored inside any building or structure

Disposal: All ignited combustible materials used in the barbecue pit such as charcoals must be extinguished by the thorough application of water, and allowed to cool prior to disposal. To speed the cooling process, coals may be carefully placed in a metal container full of water. After properly cooled, coals must be disposed of inside a metal receptacle.

Fire Extinguishers: A portable fire extinguisher must be located within 30 feet of the barbecue and a person knowledgeable in the use of a fire extinguisher must be present at all times during the event. Contact Facilities Services (504) 865-5445 to obtain a fire extinguisher. If no person is knowledgeable in use of fire extinguishers, Facilities Services should be contacted to determine if Fire & Life Safety must be present at the event. It is also recommended that a garden hose and water supply be available in the immediate area of the barbeque.

Please contact the Tulane University Police Department Uptown (504) 865-5200 or Downtown (504) 988-5531 to determine if an officer is required for your event.

The above “Barbecue Safety Guidelines” are intended to serve as a resource to help ensure that all on-campus barbecue events are conducted in as safe and healthful manner as possible. All people involved in on-campus barbecue events must be familiar with these guidelines prior to the event.

Questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to the Tulane University Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) by telephone (504) 865-5307 or (504) 988-5486 or by email to lmayer@tulane.edu.