

CAMPFIRES

Before you can hold a campfire you must request approval from the area in charge of the fire pit. Once approval is granted, come to Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) office to obtain a fire permit. A copy of the permit will be forwarded by EH&S to University Police.

Where are campfires allowed? There are four acceptable locations:

- Hillside Community near Saratoga Hall. Contact number: 777-4455
- Mountainview/CIW Community near Appalachian dining hall. Contact number: 777-7660
- Susquehanna Community near Brandywine. Contact number: 777-2904
- Newing Community behind C4 dining hall. Contact number: 777-2864

How to have a safe campfire? Use only the established pit. Clear the area around the ring of any dry, combustible debris for a diameter of ten feet with the pit in the middle. Build your fire in the center of the pit using dry, seasoned wood only. Use natural tinder to help get it started or use newspaper crumpled into tight balls. Fire must be extinguished if conditions become very windy. **Do not use any wood from the Nature Preserve.**

NEVER use gasoline or other highly flammable liquids at any time on your camp fire. Never leave the fire unattended.

ALWAYS keep the campfire small and extinguish it if conditions become windy. Keep 5 gallons of water on hand for extinguishing. Extinguish completely – no glowing embers – by separating out the logs, pouring water on them, and stirring the ashes. Pour more water as needed to ensure the fire is out and the heat has dissipated. Ashes should be left in the fire ring.



BBQ'S AND GRILLS

GENERAL SAFETY

Keep grills 25 feet away from buildings and 15 feet from vehicles. Never place them in an exit path or on a building dock. Do not place them under overhangs or trees. Keep children and pets away from the grill and never leave the grill unattended while hot. If you are cooking, wear close fitting clothing. Protect yourself with mitts and an apron suitable for use near open flames. Water or other appropriate extinguisher must be close at hand during use of any grill.

It is unlawful to store lighter fluids, propane gas cylinders and tanks, or other flammables related to grills inside any University building.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

Be sure the grill is in good repair with no holes that would allow burning coals to drop through.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Use only sufficient charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue to a depth of about 2 inches. Store any extra charcoal in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid to keep it dry. Wet charcoal can spontaneously combust and start a fire.

Use only recognized charcoal starter fluid. Use on **cold** briquettes only and use the minimum quantity necessary to start the charcoal. Adding fluid to burning or hot coals can cause a flash fire and result in serious burn injuries. Keep the container well away from the area. Do not spill fluid on your clothing or area surrounding the grill.

After use, do not place hot coals in any garbage receptacle. Use a metal bucket full of water and safely immerse hot coals using long tongs. Dispose of coals only in non-combustible containers. Keep combustible trash separate from the coals. Never leave the coals burning. Never dump coals on the ground.

PROPANE GRILLS

Always follow the manufacturer's directions. Check all the connections to ensure no leakage prior to each use. Open valves only for immediate use, close when not in use. The grill lid should be open during lighting to prevent an accumulation of gas. Allow all parts of the grill to cool off after use and be sure to turn off the tank. Never leave a hot grill unattended and have a fire extinguisher on hand.

TAILGATE PARTIES

Tailgaters should follow the guidelines outlined in the Binghamton University Official Fan Guide at www.bubearcats.com

- Carried out in a responsible manner
- Away from tents and buildings
- Only in designated areas of parking lots E, H, and G
- Hot coals to be disposed of in appropriate metal containers

**THE CAMPUS ALCOHOL POLICY
IS STRICTLY ENFORCED**



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