

Manual of Administration

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to make employees aware of safe barbeque and propane handling.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1 Anyone that is not comfortable with how to use a propane barbeque should not use one until he/she has received the necessary information on how to use it.
- 2 Always follow the manufacturer=s instructions before using, cleaning, or repairing the barbeque. If the instructions cannot be found or no longer exist, do not use the barbeque.
- 3 If you smell propane, you should:
 - 3.1 Shut off the propane supply.
 - 3.2 Shut off the burner control.
 - 3.3 Extinguish any open flames.
- 4 Before starting the barbeque, open the lid and check for spiders, other insects, and any blockages that may cause a fire.
- 5 Should there be any blockages, clean the barbeque when it is off and use the appropriate cleaning tools.
- 6 Always scrape the grill with proper tools and pre-heat your barbeque before using.
- 7 Encourage individuals to keep their barbeques in good condition.
 - 7.1 Check propane hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks, and replace any that need it.
 - 7.2 Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.

Ensure individuals are a safe distance away from the barbeque when it is being lit and when in use. Remember to leave lid open while igniting.

9 Never leave a lit barbeque unattended.

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10 Outdoor barbeques should be kept and stored outside at a minimum of three (3) feet away from the home. The barbeque should be covered and stored in a shaded area when not in use.

11 Propane cylinders must not be stored indoors. Do not store a spare cylinder under the barbeque. Spare cylinders should be stored in a shed or other safe area where it cannot be damaged or knocked over. Cylinders must always be in the upright position.

12 When moving a propane cylinder from one location to another, be sure that all valves are closed, that valve plugs or caps are in place, and that it is in an upright position and secure in the vehicle in a well-ventilated area.

12.1 The propane cylinder is to be put in the back seat in an upright position and secured. The tank should not be placed in the trunk as it is not ventilated.

13 After cooking, shut off the tank first, then the burner. Close the lid to protect the barbeque from damage. Move hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and hot dripping grease.

14 Changing/Hooking up Propane Tanks:

Ensure that connectors are free of dirt and debris, i.e., valve threads and hose threads.

Wear protective gloves as propane can freeze skin quickly.

Most propane tank systems tighten counter-clockwise.

Ensure that the barbeque is turned off, connect the hose, and then turn valve of tank to the >ON= position. Listen and smell for leaks. If system is leaking, do not use the barbeque and turn off all valves. Disconnect the tank and ensure that the barbeque and tank are repaired or replaced by a professional before using.

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