Barbecue Grills & Other Outdoor Cooking

- Grills and other open flame cooking equipment may only be used outside and may NOT be set up under any overhang, in a tent, or on any balcony or rooftop.
- Grills and open flame cooking equipment must be set up on level ground at least 6 feet from walkways and 25 feet from buildings.
- Equipment must be set up so smoke from cooking does not enter any buildings.
- Charcoal must be completely extinguished and cold before disposal and must not be dumped onto the ground.
- For grills and barbecues a minimum of (1) 5 pound ABC extinguisher must be present. To borrow extinguishers, contact Wayne Westmiller at waw6@cornell.edu or (607) 592-8535. Never remove extinguishers from buildings.
- Portable propane and natural gas tanks must be properly secured to prevent them from tipping over and tanks may not be brought into University buildings.
- Applicable City of Ithaca commercial cooking and LPG (propane) permits must be secured before the event begins. Contact the City of Ithaca Chamberlin’s Office at (607) 274-6580.
- Open Burn Permits are NOT required for barbecue grill use.

Indoor Cooking & Food Reheating

- Indoor cooking may only be done in kitchens and kitchenettes.
- Use of deep fryers and other cooking equipment that generates grease laden vapors is restricted to kitchens equipped with the appropriate ventilation hood & suppression systems.
- Warming equipment used to reheat or keep prepared foods warm may be used in areas other than kitchens.
  - Warming equipment may not be placed in corridors, stairways or exit pathways.
  - All equipment must be UL listed. Refer to the EH&S Event Management Electrical Safety document for further information on using electrical equipment.
  - Sterno may be used for food warming purposes if:
    - the sterno is in commercially manufactured, prepackaged cans
    - is used with a chafing dish equipped with a sterno can holder
    - is kept away from combustible items such as napkins, papers & decorations
    - attended at all times and care is taken to not spill the sterno
    - sterno containers are closed and disposed of properly after use

Cooking & heating appliances shall be used & maintained in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

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