

## Use of Outdoor Cooking Appliances

### Guideline

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**Applies To:** University of Michigan faculty, staff, and students cooking outdoor for an event.

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The International Fire Code defines open burning as “The burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber.”

In order to maintain a safe and environmentally responsible climate on the University of Michigan (U-M) Campus, open burning/setting fire is prohibited under Regental Ordinance Article XII, Section 1, paragraph 6, unless prior approval is granted in writing by University Officials. However, fires in approved stoves and grills are permitted under the ordinance.

The following guidelines **must** be adhered to whenever any outdoor cooking appliances are used on U-M property:

- Propane fueled grills may **not** be used any closer than 25 feet to any building or structure and **must** be UL listed/labeled, commercially manufactured, and in good condition.
- If a solid fuel source (wood or charcoal) is used, grills may **not** be used any closer than 50 feet to any building or structure, and a non-combustible container with a cover **must** be provided for the disposal of hot coals.

**NOTE:** Hot coals are **not** to be disposed of in dumpsters.

- Grills should **not** be used underneath tents, awnings, porticos, patios, or inside of parking garages.
- Grills may **not** be placed to obstruct exits from buildings.
- An ABC Multi-purpose fire extinguisher (minimum 4A: 60BC rating) **must** be available in the immediate area at all times grills are in use.
- Lit grills **cannot** be left unattended.
- Propane tanks **cannot** be used or stored inside of any buildings.
- Any fire, injury, or property damage that occurs **must** be reported to the Department of Public Safety right away (911 from any campus phone, (734) 763-1131 from any cell phone.)

Any questions can be directed to U-M Environment, Health & Safety (EHS), Fire Services at (734) 647-1143. EHS Fire Inspectors are also available to conduct reviews of special requests on a case-by-case basis.