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Park Events Fire Safety Guidelines BBQ Use in Hot Weather

Event organizers are responsible for the following submission, regulations and safety requirements for BBQ use in hot weather in City parks.

When the fire danger rating has been in the 'extreme' range for more than 3 consecutive days, the Fire Chief may implement a barbeque ban in the city. During these times, it is possible to apply for a special permit for community events. Criteria for the issuance of a barbeque permit are as follows:

- 1. A barbeque permit shall be obtained from Coquitlam Fire/Rescue at least 7 days prior to the event.
- 2. The barbecue shall be properly barricaded on an asphalt surface.
- 3. The cooking area is swept clean of any dried needles or flammable materials before setting up the barbeque.
- 4. Cooking is conducted in an open, safe location away from trees, shrubs and dry grass.
- 5. Cooking is conducted by authorized persons on an approved propane appliance only. Open flame cooking with wood or charcoal briquettes is not permitted.
- 6. An approved fire extinguisher is provided near the cooking area.
- 7. During cooking periods, a designated event organizer with access to a cell phone shall be identified and responsible for calling 9-1-1 in the event of a fire emergency.

It is the responsibility of event organizer to comply with all requirements of this guide, the BC Fire Code, the Fire Services Act and regulations, the City of Coquitlam Fire Prevention Bylaw 3712, 2005 and all other applicable federal, provincial and municipal statutes, regulations and bylaws. Fire/Rescue may at any time inspect the premises for compliance. Failure to maintain compliance may result in the commencement of enforcement action.