**CHARCOAL GRILLS & PICNIC TABLES: SAFETY, USAGE AND CLEANING**

Handy tips for prepping and using a park grill.

**Never leave a hot grill unattended**. To avoid use of a liquid starter fluid, a safer option may be match-light charcoal or fire starter lighter cubes.

1. The grill grate can be moved to the upright position for cleaning and when lighting charcoal. Before getting the grill hot, you should clean the grate with a grill brush. You can also use a wadded ball of aluminum foil. The grill can be rotated in any direction.
2. Any debris or *cooled* ash in the bottom of grill should be removed and placed into a trash bag. A small hand broom or metal spatula will do.
3. If you wish to cover the grill grate with foil, poke a few holes in the foil with a fork before lighting the grill. Or, if you do not want to use foil, you can preheat the grill. When the grill is hot, clean the grate again using the grill brush or foil. Before placing food on grill you can dip a wadded paper towel in just a little bit of oil and use tongs to oil the grate.
4. You can also use a metal grill sheet found at some home improvement /hardware stores or the internet. You place it onto the grill grate and cook your food on top of it. These are reusable and can be folded for storage.
5. When finished grilling or using the tables please clean up around the area for the next person to use. Extinguish the coals in a bucket of water then place them in a garbage bag. Be careful to wipe clean the cooking grate with a ball of crumbled aluminum foil or a grate brush. Cooled grill ashes and any other debris should be bagged and removed from the area.

Here’s another way to clean the cooking surface on a barbecue grill using aluminum foil and white vinegar.

1. Pour white vinegar in a clean spray bottle.
2. Spray the cooking surface on the grill with the vinegar.
3. Allow the vinegar to remain on the surface for a few minutes.
4. Rub the cooking surface with crumpled up aluminum foil.
5. Dispose of the aluminum foil and any debris.

Tip: cleaning items and cooking utensils can be easily stored in a bucket that can be taken to the grill area.

Please be considerate of others who may be waiting to use the grill or share the table area. Resident users are responsible to clean the grill and picnic table area….not maintenance.

Happy Grilling!