



# ONTARIO TECH

## GUIDELINES FOR SAFE USE OF BBQ ON CAMPUS

This document outlines the necessary precautions and steps that must be taken before using a BBQ on campus. Please follow the procedure below to ensure the safety of all university personnel.

### Test for Leaks

1. **Clean:** Use a pipe cleaner to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs, or other debris.
2. **Check:** Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners and replace it if damaged.
3. **Test:** Find leaks by applying a 50/50 water and dish soap solution to propane cylinder connections. If bubbles appear, tighten the connection and/or replace damaged parts and retest.

### Light it Right

1. Open the hood
2. Turn the gas release valve on the tank
3. Turn on grill controls or heat settings
4. Take a step back
5. Push the igniter button

If there is no igniter button, insert a long match or BBQ lighter through the side burner hole first, then turn on the heat control knob. If the burner does not ignite immediately, turn the gas off and wait five minutes, keeping the hood open, before repeating the procedure.

### Do's for Handling a BBQ

- Keep loose clothing away from a hot BBQ.
- Turn the gas valve off first when finished, then turn off the burner controls so no gas is left in the connecting hose.
- Allow the BBQ to cool completely before closing the cover.
- Outdoor use only.

### Don'ts for Handling a BBQ

- Leave the BBQ unattended when in use.
- Allow grease to build up on burners or at the base of the BBQ; this could cause a grease fire.
- Throw water on a grease fire – this will only spread the flame.
- Position your BBQ too close to wooden fences or walls; make sure the area behind your BBQ is free of combustible material since this is where hot gases escape.



## Related Legislations

- [Canada Consumer Product Safety Act](#)
  - Charcoal Regulations
- [Ontario Fire Code](#)
- [Technical Standards and Safety Authority](#)

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