

Hyde Park Gardens

To: ALL Hyde Park Owners Corporation Residents
Re: Barbecues

The rules for barbecues are as follows and are in accordance with section 307.5 of the New York City Fire Code applicable to multiple dwellings:

- Only charcoal burning and portable barbecues designed for use with propane containers with a capacity of 16.4 ounces may be stored or used on the premises. **If your barbecue uses propane tanks larger than 16.4 ounces, you must remove it from the property. Many standard outdoor barbecues use the 20lb. or larger propane tanks, which are not designed for use with the smaller tanks and these barbecues are not permitted by law on the property.**
- According to NYC law, your barbecue must be at least **10 feet** from the buildings, away from overhanging branches. If you have mounted your barbecue closer to the building for use, you must immediately move it. No exceptions.
- Residents should never leave a grill unattended once it is lit.
- A fire extinguisher meeting the requirements of FC906 with minimum 4-A rating or garden hose must be readily accessible when the barbecue is in use.
- Children are not to play near a barbecue even after the fire is out as barbecues remain hot for quite a while following use.
- Position your barbecue so that the smoke does not go in your neighbors' windows.
- All barbecues must be kept clean, with all food accumulations removed and the grease pan cleaned after each use.

IF YOU USE PROPANE GAS

- You may have no more than two (2) 16.4 ounce tanks of propane gas on the property at any given time. **By law, 20 lb. tanks are not permitted on the property.**
- Propane gas is highly flammable; you must check your hoses for cracks and holes before each use.
- Tanks must be stored properly: tanks should be kept upright, and when not in use the tank valve must be in the OFF or CLOSED position.
- Propane tanks must not be stored inside homes, attics or garages.
- Barbeques must be covered with a green or black covering and neatly placed out of sight when not in use.

IF YOU USE CHARCOAL

Charcoal MUST NEVER be dumped in the street, around trees, in the grass or anywhere on the property after use. Coals must be watered down and wrapped in foil to be disposed of properly.

Gas barbecue grills provide a waterproof and safe shelter for vermin to breed, with the added benefit of leftover bits of food on which they can feed. Please take the time to ensure that your grill won't attract any of these unwelcome guests and clean your grill after each use. All grills should also be kept covered when not in use.