



Meath County Council Fire Service



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“Easter Fire Safety”

Fire Safety: Barbecues

- ✓ Make sure your barbecue is in good working order.
- ✓ Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby in case of emergencies.
- ✓ Make sure your barbecue is flat and well away from sheds, fences, trees and shrubs
- ✓ Use only enough charcoal to cover the base of the barbecue to a depth of approximately 50mm (2 inches).
- ✓ Keep children, garden games and pets well away from the cooking area.
- ✗ Never leave the barbecue unattended
- ✓ When finished cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before trying to move it. Empty cooled ashes onto bare garden soil.
- ✗ Never put ashes straight into a dustbin or wheelie bin. If they are hot, they can melt plastic and cause a fire.
- ✗ Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue.
Use only recognized fire lighters or starter fuel, on cold coals.

Additional Fire Safety For Gas Barbecues

- ✓ Make sure gas cylinder valve is turned off before changing the gas cylinder.
- ✓ Always change the cylinder outdoors and in well ventilated area.
- ✓ When finished cooking, turn off gas cylinder before the barbecue controls, to ensure any gas in the pipeline is used up.

If you suspect a leak to the cylinder or pipe work;

- Brush soapy water around all joints and watch for bubbles
- If you find a leaking joint, try to tighten it. Don't overtighten.

Fire Safety: Outdoors

- ✗ Do not burn garden or household waste. Fires can and do easily get out of hand.
- ✓ Extinguish cigarettes and other smoking materials properly.
- ✗ Use a designated fire pit if lighting fires outside and do not leave unattended.
- ✗ Do not leave bottles or glass in woodlands. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire.
- ✗ If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately to the Fire and Rescue Service at 112 or 999

Meath County Council Fire Service would
like to wish you and your family a Happy

and Safe Easter

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