STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE (SAP)

24.01.99.L1.06 Safe Use of Outdoors Fires

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Standard Administrative Procedure Statement

Protection of personnel, property, and the environment is a high priority at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) and will be enhanced by the following safety procedures when using outdoor fires for cooking, and/or recreational purposes. These procedures apply to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors working on, or visiting TAMIU.

These procedures do not apply to fires/flames associated with accepted maintenance measures, construction practices, or the use of flame effects or pyrotechnics for entertainment, exhibition, demonstration, or simulation before an audience, or other exclusions specifically addressed herein.

Procedures and Responsibilities

Camp fires or open flames outside of an approved barbeque grill are strictly prohibited.

1. Cooking Fires and Other

   1.1 Cooking fires are only allowed:

      a) Where outdoor grills are provided by the University for such activities; or
      b) For University-approved special events.

      1.1.1 This procedure does not apply to fires/flames associated with accepted training, maintenance or construction practices;

      1.1.2 All approved outdoor fires in barbeque grills, must be supervised and must never be left unattended while burning. Approved wood and charcoal fires must be thoroughly extinguished with water before being left unattended and the extinguished wood/coals must be disposed of in a proper receptacle. Never place hot wood/coals in a trash receptacle or dumpster. Natural vegetation around the campus including, but not limited to, grass, branches, twigs, and leaves may not be used for grilling.
1.1.3 Location of barbeque grills must be at least ten (10) feet from combustible materials and a safe distance from vehicles to prevent fires and/or damage to facilities or vehicles. Special attention must be given during the initial fire startup because of the flames that may be generated. Barbeque grills shall not be used inside campus buildings. A fire extinguisher should be available at the approved location.

1.1.4 Liquid Petroleum (LP) gas containers and equipment use must conform to the manufacturer’s specifications. LP gas grills with the gas container attached, and portable LP gas containers for grills shall not be stored in campus buildings.

**Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations, Rules or Requirements**

Supplements [System Policy 24.01](#), [System Regulation 24.01.01](#)

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