With the kick-off to the football season here, Ducks fans everywhere are preparing their cooking utensils for what it is sure to be a great tailgating season. Keep the safety tips below in mind when tailgate grilling at football games to ensure a touchdown every time.

**Setting Up**

Individuals may grill for tailgating during football games in designated UO parking lots around Autzen Stadium or areas where tailgating is allowed to occur.

- Read the owner’s manual before using your grill and follow the safety procedures.
- Never barbecue in an enclosed area (i.e., motorhome).
- Set up grill in an open area at least 10 feet away from buildings, vehicles, overhead combustible surfaces, *dry leaves, and brush*.
- Before using your grill make sure all parts are firmly in place and the grill is on a flat surface.

**Fueling**

- Inspect your propane grill to make certain all connections are tight before turning on the gas.
- If you have a charcoal grill, be sure to purchase and use the proper starter fluid as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Apply starter fluid directly to the coals and let it soak into the coals for a few seconds before lighting.
- If the coals start to die out, fan them to feed the flame. Do not add lighter fluid to an already lit fire.

**During Use**

- Stay with the grill from the time you light the barbecue until you are finished cooking,
- Do not leave starter fluid, lighters, or matches within the reach of children.
- Use the proper tools. Long handled barbecue utensils and flame retardant mitts will prevent burns from heat and flame.

**Cleaning up**

- Make sure the grill is completely extinguished before heading into the stadium.
- When finished using your propane barbecue, make sure that you not only turn off the barbecue, but shut off the propane cylinder too.
- Douse coals with plenty of water until they are cool. Never place coals in plastic, paper or wooden containers. Use a metal container with a tight fitting lid to store your coals.

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