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## Tips for a safe barbecue

### Barbecue safety advice:

- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.
- Never use a barbecue indoors
- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues. Never use a barbecue indoors.
- It must be placed on an even surface on either bricks or paving slabs.
- Don't use disposable barbecues near or on public benches.
- Never leave a barbecue unattended.
- Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.
- Keep children, pets and garden games away from the cooking area.
- After cooking, make sure the barbecue is cool before moving. Consider pouring water over the disposable barbecue before discarding in a bin; hot ashes could melt the plastic and cause a fire.
- Never leave the rubbish from a disposable barbecue in woodlands or grasslands, this could start a fire if not correctly extinguished.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to start or revive your barbecue; use only recognised lighters or starter fuels on cold coals.
- Don't leave bottles or glass in woodland or grass areas. Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire. Take them home or put them in a waste / recycling bin.