During the past academic year, several fires occurred on campus, when hot charcoal was inappropriately handled after a barbecue. In an effort to promote fire safety, EH&S, in partnership with the Dean of Students, and campus clubs and organizations, is in the process of phasing-out the use of charcoal-fired barbecues, in favor of cleaner, safer, energy sources such as electric or gas-fired barbecues for use at University-sponsored activities, held outdoors. EH&S now turns to you, as faculty and staff members of the campus community, to partner with the Dean of Students and EH&S to further increase fire safety on campus in the following ways:

1. Use these cleaner energy sources at your departmental functions whenever feasible.
2. When your department or service unit is planning to purchase a barbecue consider purchasing these cleaner energy sources for your departmental functions.

Furthermore, cleaner energy sources not only increase fire safety, they assist in the reduction of the carbon imprint we make on our environment and within our campus community!

Please contact Alan Sahussanun at x40155 or asahussa@uci.edu for more information.

You can review the new procedure on the EH&S website at http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/fire/fireprog.html#charcoal