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Enjoy Summer Barbecues in Your Best Way & Fair Manners!

夏のバーベキューをマナーを守って楽しもう！



In summer, the first things that come to mind are water sports at the beach or river, camping, and barbecues. Especially during this season, barbecues are very popular. So, in this month's multicultural notes, some basic manners related to barbecues in Japan are introduced so that you can enjoy these barbecues. Outside BBQ is a fun event as it offers a sense of openness especially by cooking over an open fire, but it can cause some problems such as fire, barbecue smoke and bad smells. Also, loud voices, loud music and garbage problems can cause troubles with neighbors. Due to these matters, some neighborhood councils have prohibited outside BBQs in response to the complaints of local residents,

◆ Let's check and observe the following basic manners to avoid troubles!

1. Barbecuing on Your House Site

▼ Think first about your neighbors' nuisances related to their residential and environmental conditions.

(1) Smoke:

Smoke from barbecues can spread to surrounding houses, causing the smell of smoke to get on laundry. It may also get inside the houses through the open windows, which can be unpleasant for the neighbors.

(2) Noise:

Loud noise or loud music may disturb residents who want to spend their time quietly, such as families with small children.

At night, as it gets quieter as people prepare for the bed-time in town, the cleaning after the BBQ is advised to be finished by 5:00 pm.

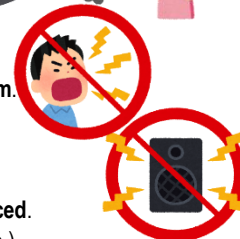
(3) Garbage Disposal:

Be sure to put out the charcoal so as **not** to catch fire.

Garbage from the BBQ must be sorted according to the city's garbage disposal rules and put out on the designated day.

◆ Point: Before starting your barbecue, if you can let your neighbors know about that, the number of problems will be reduced.

(e.g. During your BBQ, some neighbors' windows may be closed to prevent from the smoke or their clothes may not be dried outside.)



2. Barbecuing at the Riverside Areas or Parks

▼ It is limited to the riverside areas or parks where the BBQ is allowed. (Not all the riverside areas or parks allow that.)

In some facilities, it is allowed at the designated areas for the BBQ, but **not** in unauthorized areas.

Never wash your dirty dishes and throw garbage or dirt in the river, as it causes water pollution and harms the environment.

▼ Follow the rules of the place where you barbecue and clean up afterwards.

Garbage after the BBQ must **not** be disposed in rivers and parks. Do not leave it unattended and take it home properly.

(Cigarette butts, fireworks, plastic bottles, BBQ sauce, leftovers, paper plates, disposable chopsticks, BBQ nets, charcoal & ashes, food trays, cans, bottles etc)



3. Others

▼ If you have a BBQ at a barbecue site, a camp site or a designated area for the BBQ, you will feel comfortable and avoid troubles with neighbors.

If you would like to use a public place such as a river or a park, please inquire with the local government for confirmation beforehand.