

BARBEQUE ISLANDS, FIREPLACES AND/OR FIREPITS

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If you are constructing a barbecue island, fireplace, and/or firepit and intend to install any underground gas, water, drainage or electrical lines for the barbecue island, fireplace and/or firepit to be constructed with the pool or at a later date, you will be required to include on your pool plans submitted, the location of the gas, water or drainage stub for any barbecue island, fireplace and/or firepit prior to receiving your deck inspection for the swimming pool.

In addition, if you plan to stub the utilities to these items and construct them at a later date, please be advised that a separate permit is required for the construction of these items as there are building, plumbing and electrical codes that apply to the construction of these items.

A few things to keep in mind are:

1. All exterior receptacles (meaning those not located within the dwelling) are required to be on a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) circuit.
2. All sinks in barbecue islands must be vented.
3. All sinks in barbecue islands must drain to the sanitary sewer system. Sinks shall not drain into onsite drainage lines to the street. A 10' static test is required for the drain lines once installed.
4. Shut off valves are required for all gas appliances.
5. A seismic gas shut off device is required per City Ordinance.
6. Flexible gas connectors cannot pass through any partition, wall or shelving.
7. Outdoor refrigerators should not be set in place until such time as your inspector has tested the electrical outlet used specifically for the refrigerator.

Should you have any other questions with regard to constructing a barbecue island, fireplace and/or fire pit, please feel free to call staff at (925) 516-5405.