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Barbecues Shut Down at Selected City Parks

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Increasing fire danger concerns related to Santa Barbara's continuing drought status has caused the City of Santa Barbara to ban fires of all types at particularly vulnerable parks. This ban is effective immediately, and covers Escondido Park, Hilda Ray Park, Skofield Park, Stevens Park, and the section of Oak Park known as the German American Friendship Picnic Grove.

Specifically, the Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the City of Santa Barbara Fire Department, have announced that wood and charcoal fires in barbecues or any other fire apparatuses are prohibited at the above-listed parks. These parks are located in high fire hazard zones, and the increasingly dry vegetation at these sites led to this decision, which was made to benefit the overall safety of Santa Barbara residents.

The barbecue ban will be enforced until the end of fire season is declared; in non-drought years, this would mean sometime in mid-November, but this year the end of fire season may come later.

About the Parks and Recreation Department

The City of Santa Barbara's **Parks and Recreation Department** proudly maintains a wide range of parks, facilities, and programs designed to serve the needs of the Santa Barbara community. Our mission is to provide clean and safe parks, beaches, and recreation facilities; to enhance Santa Barbara's beauty; to promote stewardship of resources; and to provide quality recreation and cultural experiences and community services to benefit the quality of life for Santa Barbara residents. Find out more on the City of Santa Barbara's official website at santabarbaraca.gov/parksandrec and join our social media community at facebook.com/sbparksandrec and twitter.com/sbparksandrec to stay updated on news and events.

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