

ECDP Halachagram -- Using Barbecues for Fish

In case you would like to use your barbecue for fish during the 9 days, most poskim require a separate rack or the fish to be double wrapped to use your meat barbecue for grilling fish. The background to the issue is based on the Talmud's prohibition of cooking fish and meat together because of health concerns. The Rema states that one should eat and drink something in between meat and fish. Rema adds that one should not cook open meat and fish in the same oven because of reicha/aroma. Some question whether this health concern still exists today, however the practice is to be stringent. One is allowed to use clean meat vessels for cooking fish. However, because a barbecue is considered extremely difficult to properly clean, a separate rack should be used for cooking fish in the barbecue or the fish should be double wrapped in aluminum foil.