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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### New Bedford parks remind residents of designated grilling areas and social distancing

**New Bedford, Massachusetts**– The New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches reminds residents that certain areas at city parks are marked as designated grilling areas, and that grilling is not allowed in other sections of the parks.

Social distancing is encouraged as New Bedford continues to combat the coronavirus. Special event permit applications are required for grilling in parks under 5 acres, and for events of more than 25 people. This summer, permitted events in parks have been cancelled due to the spread of the coronavirus.

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches thanks residents for their responsibility when grilling. Grilling is not allowed on beaches, nature trails, or athletic fields – only in the designated areas within the city's parks.

Residents using grills in the parks are asked to be attentive and use caution with nearby children in the park, and be courteous to other parks users.

Only those 18 years or older may grill in the parks. There are no open, ground or campfires allowed and fires must be at least three feet off the ground. Grills are not allowed on picnic tables or benches, and no flammable materials may be disposed of in trash barrels, including empty fuel containers. All trash must be removed from the site before leaving. Charcoal should be deposited in the hot coal bin.

For a list of designated grilling areas in parks, please visit [www.nbprb.com](http://www.nbprb.com).

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