## Fire department offers tips on how to barbecue safely

Tith the arrival of barbecue season, Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services offers some tips on how to use a barbecue wisely and safely.

A spokesperson for the fire department said barbecues should be inspected and cleaned before being used for the first time each season.

 If the fittings, flex hose or burners are worn or rusted they should be replaced.

• A flexible brush or pipe cleaner

should be used to clean the tubes between the gas shut-off valves and the burners.-Spiders or insect nests can cause obstruc-

• The cylinder connection should be checked before lighting the barbecue for the first time in the spring, or any time the cylinder is replaced. A mixture of 50 per cent liquid soap and 50 per cent water should be brushed onto

the connections. Signs of rising bubbles indicate there is a leak. Any leaks should be repaired before lighting the barbecue. Matches or lighters should never be used to check for leaks.

 Barbecues should only be used outdoors in an open, well-ventilated area, at least three metres (10 feet) away from windows or doors and anything that might obstruct the

flow of air around the grill.

- The barbecue should never be left unattended while cooking.
- Burner controls and the propane cylinder should be turned off when not
- · Make sure the barbecue has completely cooled before covering it after

For more information call 905-873-2601 and ask for fire safety specialist David Ford (ext. 2115) or Doug Andrews (ext. 2118).



The Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) of Halton is now accepting applications for admission to the

## **New Halton Healthcare Services Long-Term Care Facility**

The Community Care Access Centre has received notification that the new Halton Healthcare Services long-term care facility, being constructed beside Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH), is progressing in its plans to open in Fall 2003. The new Halton Healthcare Services long-term care facility is a partnership between Halton Healthcare Services and Extendicare. The facility will have 128 long-term care beds.

Anyone interested in applying for admission to the new Halton Healthcare Services long-term care facility or any other long-term care facility, should contact the CCAC of Halton for information regarding the application process for placement.

For further information, contact: 905-639-5228 or Toll Free by calling: 1-800-810-0000 and ask for Information and Referral



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