Palo Verde’s BBQ Grills
The Palo Verde gas BBQs are provided and maintained for residential use and are available on a first come, first served basis. Can not wait to use the grill? But how do you fire it up for the first time? Gas grills are simple to use:

**Starting the Grill**
- Make sure the lid is open while you are lighting the grill.
- Turn on the gas valve on some grills (dial from 0-60 minutes).
- Push in and turn on the BBQ control.
- Push in the igniter button to ignite the burners until flame is on.
- NO CHARCOAL ALLOWED. Placing charcoal embers on a gas grill can cause an explosion.
- Turn the gas off when you leave.

**BBQ Etiquette**
- Bring and remove your own oven mitts, BBQ utensils tongs, etc.) and do not forget the food!
- Once your grill has cooled down a bit but is still warm, take your brush and clean off any remaining food particles.
- Please clean up after yourself. Take your trash to the dumpsters.
- Share barbecuing tips and recipes with your neighbors. Be a guest chef at A Taste of Home and show off your grill work.
- Report needed maintenance to the Palo Verde office: gas leak, inoperable igniter, or bad valve.

**Pet Policy**
- Cats and small caged animals (e.g., small birds, guinea pigs, fish) may be permitted as pets at the university’s sole discretion with prior written approval and registration. Fish in containers or tanks no larger than 10 gallons are permitted. No other animals are permitted.
- A $50 cat deposit is required and pets need to be registered and cared for in accordance with the Community’s Pet and Animal Policy.
- Pet dogs are not permitted in Graduate and Family Housing. Animals needed to provide assistance to persons with disabilities are not deemed pets and are permitted. Residents who wish to bring comfort/assistance animals into housing for a disability related need must contact UCI Disability Services Center at: http://www.disability.uci.edu/Services_Accommodations/registering_intake.php. The Disability Services Center will determine any and all accommodations and will provide written verification to Student Housing.

**Parking Lot Safety**
As you know, the Palo Verde community has pedestrian traffic ranging from joggers, bicyclists, skateboarders, children at play, mothers pushing baby carriages, etc. Drivers and pedestrians alike share the responsibility of keeping themselves and others on the road safe.

The following are some tips to improve road safety for everyone:

**Tips for Pedestrians and Bicyclist**
- Treat parking lots like streets – look both ways twice before proceeding to cross the roads and be aware of your surroundings. Always walk on the crosswalks and on the sidewalks when possible.
- Be visible at all times. Wear bright clothing during the day, and wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.
- Keep alert at all times; do not be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Please remember that all the traffic signs and signals do not only apply to cars, but bicycles and pedestrians as well. Use caution and do not assume drivers can see you or know what you are going to do.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Vehicles have blind spots and because of this, approaching drivers may not see you, even if you see them.

**Tips for Drivers**
- The speed limit is 15 mph throughout the Palo Verde complex. Drive even slower in the event of rain or at any time when visibility is impaired. Please obey the speed limit and remember that there are many children and adult pedestrians.
- Make sure you come to a complete stop at stop signs and look around for pedestrians and bicyclists before proceeding.
- Slow down and proceed with caution over speed bumps in order to improve safety conditions.
- Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving - endangering the driver, passengers, and by-stander safety. Because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.
- Studies have shown that more than one-third of accidents involving pedestrians are the result from backup incidents. Many vehicles today are equipped with backup cameras which provide a wide view behind a vehicle operating in reverse. Do not rely completely on technology. Monitoring systems may not detect motorcycles, smaller objects or people. Look over your shoulder and use your mirrors as you back up.

"Be grateful for what you already have while you pursue your goals. If you aren’t grateful for what you already have, what makes you think you would be happy with more?"  
- Roy T. Bennett
No Parking in Front of Garages
Parked vehicles are allowed to remain in the parking lot for a period of 10 minutes. Parking in front of garages is prohibited and may be subject to a citation. This includes parking in front of the garage assigned to you. Be considerate of other residents by not parking in front of or too close to a garage, even if you are leaving your vehicle for just a few minutes. This may prevent residents from getting in and out of their garages, making them late for classes, appointments, etc.

Please inform your guests that Palo Verde is a non-smoking community. Cigarette butts may be small, but when they are dropped instead of properly disposed of, it is both unsightly and unhealthy.

Please Bring Your Trash to the Dumpsters
• Do not leave your trash bags outside your front door. Do not place your trash from your apartment in any of the containers by the grills, in laundry rooms, mailbox areas, on stairways, on landings, or any other common areas other than in the dumpsters.
• Please place trash in the garbage (beige) and recycling (blue) bins located in the dumpster areas located in the parking lot.
• Reduce pest access by making sure your trash makes it into the dumpster bins rather than along side of it.
• The next time you throw something that has any liquid in it into your garbage bag, add newspaper and/or junk mail. It will absorb the liquid, preventing it from running out and leaving a stream of nasty drips across the floor. Or, double bag your trash.
• If you are hosting an event in any of the PV community rooms, make sure you clean up after your event and take your trash to the dumpster.

No Parking in Front of Garages
Keeping your neighborhood clean really shows that you care about where you live.

“Time is free, but it’s priceless. You can’t own it, but you can use it. You can’t keep it but you can spend it. Once you’ve lost it you can never get it back.” ~ Harvey Mackay

Upcoming Projects at Palo Verde
We would like to give you notice of the following upcoming scheduled projects:

Concrete Work - We will be working on the removal and replacement of the sidewalks that may be considered a safety hazard throughout the Palo Verde property. The work will take place starting Wednesday, January 23rd and will continue until Thursday, January 31st.

Tree Trimming - Starting the end of March, we will be conducting a tree trimming project throughout the property in order to maintain healthy trees for our community. In addition, there is a need to remove damaged trees that show signs of weakness or that are damaging other trees. All tree trimming will be conducted with health and location of the tree in mind.

The work for both of the tree trimming and concrete projects will be conducted between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm. However, loud sounds will be kept to a minimum until 9:00am.

Part of the process for these projects will require the use of power equipment. There will be workers, noise, dust, and vehicles around the complex during the work period.

NO PARKING signs will be posted with dates and times. Vehicles parked in a NO PARKING area during the posted hours may be subject to towing.

Annual Fire Alarm/Sprinkler Testing and Building Inspections for Buildings 7300 - 7600
All smoke detectors, horns and sprinkler heads are inspected two times per year as required by the State Fire Marshal’s office. The University’s Environmental Health and Safety staff will be conducting the required testing and inspections beginning Tuesday, April 2nd between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. It will require the inspectors entry into all rooms of the apartments on these dates.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to maintain and improve our community.

No Parking in Front of Garages
While most people do not litter intentionally, it is important to do your part to prevent litter. We ask that you assist us with keeping our complex clean by:
• Set an example for others by using the trash and/or recycling receptacles and not littering.
• Please inform your guests that Palo Verde is a non-smoking community. Cigarette butts may be small, but when they are dropped instead of properly disposed of, it is both unsightly and unhealthy.

Thank you for doing your part!

“Don’t let the fear of the time it will take to accomplish something stand in the way of your doing it. The time will pass anyway; we might just as well put that passing time to the best possible use.” ~ Earl Nightingale

Enter the UCI CARE Design Contest for Take Back the Night 2019
Time to get creative, Anteaters! This year for Take Back the Night that takes aims to raise awareness and prevent sexual violence, we wanted to get a student’s point of view regarding sexual assault prevention and the events within the past year that have brought sexual violence into the spotlight.

This year’s theme is “We Believe You”. With the socially and politically charged atmosphere of the last year, we thought this was a powerful and appropriate theme to touch on.

Show us what “We Believe You” looks like for you, and be entered for a chance to win a prize. We will be accepting digital submissions through January 7th, and the winner will be announced on February 1st.

The chosen design will be featured in our Take Back the Night 2019 marketing material, including T-Shirts, social media, posters, and more.

Visit our TBTN page at bit.ly/ucitbt to learn more about our event and submission guidelines.

See also: http://bit.ly/ucitbt

For more information, please visit:
http://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Palo_Verde.html