

# The Etiquette Professionals

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Summer Etiquette



*Ask Tina*

**Q: Dear Tina,**  
Can I drink at a company picnic?  
Jen, H., Seattle WA

**A: Dear Jen,**  
It's okay to have a social drink at a company picnic. Remember to be aware of how much you consume and don't get carried away at work related functions.

**Q: Dear Tina,**  
It is bad manners to take a plate of food home from a barbeque party?  
Sharon D., Lansing, MI

**A: Dear Sharon,**  
It's fine to accept a plate of food that's offered, but it is in poor taste to ask for one.

**Q: Dear Tina,**  
Can I wear sandals to work in the summer?  
Cindy R., Austin, TX

**A: Dear Cindy,**  
Refer to your company handbook for specifics on acceptable work attire. In the absence of such, it is not acceptable to wear open toed shoes to work.



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*G*reetings, and welcome to **The Etiquette Professionals** on-line newsletter.

Summer is fast approaching and along with summer comes the wonderful feeling of total relaxation. It's finally time to throw your cares away and soak up some sun. However, when the lazy days of summer check in, we would like to remind you not to let your manners and good behavior check out.

I hope you enjoy your visit with **The Etiquette Professionals**. Let us help you improve your business and social skills by giving you the gift of confidence. I promise you that it will be a gift that will last a lifetime.

**Christine Chapweske**, President /Consultant

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of my favorite summer activities is a backyard barbeque. The smell of the grill, cooking outside and an inviting outdoor pool just can't be surpassed. Invitations start coming in for barbeques, and you will probably try to make as many as possible.

- Don't arrive empty handed! Bring something. Stop at your local store and pick up some soda, juice, beer, water or wine.
- Try to avoid bringing macaroni salad and potato salad as these items will probably already be there. This would be a good time to try out one of your favorite cookie recipes. You should bring at least one snack or dessert to the picnic or barbeque.
- You might also consider bringing something special for your host or hostess; perhaps a scented candle, flowers or a copy of your favorite book. Don't forget to R.S.V.P.

### SUMMER WEAR

Summer is a great time to trade in those heavy clothes for shorts and tank tops, but please remember where you are going and think about how you want to be seen.

- Shorts and tank tops on women and girls are great but short shorts and bare midriffs at an office barbeque might not be in your best interest.

- Men, it's okay to take off your shirt to cut the grass at home, but keep it on at the company picnic. Keep etiquette in mind when you are at a work related social function.

### CAMPING

Everyone loves camping. Summer is the time to pitch your tent and slow your roll. Whether you are an experienced camper or a novice in the dirt, be sure to mind your manners at the campground. Common courtesy along with a few garbage bags is the rule for summer camping.

- Respect others at the campsite.
- Avoid late night loud music.
- Limit your noise to daytime.
- Obey the campsite quiet hours.
- Leave your campsite tidy.
- Take your trash with you.
- Recycle whenever possible.
- Avoid cutting campsite trees.
- Don't leave pets unattended.

*Happy Summer,*  
from your friends at

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