GREAT GRILLING

Are You Ready For Outdoor Entertaining?

(NAPSA)—Here's a little food for thought: According to a recent study conducted by the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association, 76 percent of American households own a barbecue grill. Even if you don't, that's no reason not to entertain outdoors. By changing the small details of an outdoor event, you can take it from mundane to memorable. Here are hints on how:

Spice up the menu: Trade in the mundane burgers for lemon and pepper-encrusted chicken or shrimp kabobs and replace the potato salad with zucchini and mushrooms marinated in balsamic vinegar and oil. These recipes are just as easy to make and give a fresh face to your table.

Brighten up your party: Invest in reusable plastic table-ware in vibrant coordinated colors and lively patterns. Easy on the pocketbook, they're unbreakable, pretty enough for everyday, and can be found at most grocery, drug and discount stores.

Lighten up your party: String inexpensive fairy lights or Chinese lanterns around the backyard to expand the party space and provide a festive air. Food coloring to match the tableware can be added to the water in bowls of floating candles. The bowls can be placed in decorative locations or candles can even be placed in a backyard fountain or pool.



Increasingly "in": the outdoor party with pizzazz.

De-bug your party: Just as every aspect of your event seems to have achieved perfection, you discover your guests are being eaten alive. Now there is a solution for this outdoor problem. Small, portable mosquito repellent units by ThermaCELL® are available in a number of styles and cover a 225-square-foot area (the size of an average deck) by emitting an odorless repellent that provides up to 98 percent protection against mosquitoes, black flies and no-see-ums. The units are inexpensive enough for you to buy several to place in strategic locations, so your guests can enjoy the party in bug-free comfort for hours.

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