Outdoor Living

New Utility Vehicles Are Popular, Practical

(NAPSA)—One of the most popular pieces of outdoor power equipment these days is the utility vehicle. From hunters to handymen, everyone seems to be using them.

Why? The current crop of utility vehicles is practical, powerful and versatile—a far cry from their "golf cart with an attitude" predecessors. So what should you look for in a utility vehicle?

"Take the time to really figure out how you will use a utility vehicle and what type of terrain you will encounter," advises Jerry Sandy, product manager for Husqvarna's HUV utility vehicle line. "Decide up front what accessories and features are required for the types of tasks you plan to accomplish."

Home & Garden—For jobs like brush clearing or hauling supplies to the garden, says Sandy, a compact utility vehicle may fit the bill. Larger tasks such as clearing snow, on the other hand, require a more powerful unit, four-wheel drive and accessories such as a snowplow attachment, tire chains and a cab enclosure.

Property Management—For farmers, ranchers and timber owners, key factors include engine durability, payload capacity and traction for rough terrain. A smooth suspension maximizes comfort when traveling extended



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distances. Accessories such as windshields, heaters, electric winches and trailer hitches are also important.

Hunting & Fishing—Outdoorsmen will want a utility vehicle that functions well in remote areas, so consider features such as certified rollover protection, fourwheel drive and locking differentials. A wide wheelbase and low center of gravity provide stability in rough conditions, and accessory items such as winches, hood racks, heavy-duty bumpers, and aggressive tires can be helpful.

More information is available at www.husqvarna.com or call 1-800-HUSKY 62 to find a dealer near you.