

Everyone Loves Food Cooked in the Outdoors



Barbecues in Backyards, on Patios 'As American as Hot Dogs,' Make It More Fun for All

Outdoor cooking is as American as hot dogs at a ball game and fireworks on the Fourth of July. It's easy, it's fun, and somehow, food always tastes better when prepared and eaten outdoors.

Whatever the occasion — a family dinner, a gathering of friends and relatives, a romantic date, a special event, or a party for no reason at all — have it outdoors. There is something about the freedom and informality of the great outdoors (even if it is only as far away as your backyard or patio) that makes everybody have a great time.

Don't be a party-pooper and limit your outdoor fun to only the summer months. Late fall and early spring cook-outs can be the most

fun of all. The smell of delicious barbecued meats filling the zingy, crisp air makes even a frankly overdone frank taste wonderful.

All you need is the slightest excuse, a little imagination, some recipes, and your outdoor gas grill. Go ahead; have an outdoor barbecue!

Outdoor Cookbook

Offered Free "Creative Cooking on Your Outdoor Gas Grill," a handy guide for outdoor cooking enthusiasts, contains care and use hints, cooking suggestions and recipes.

Write: Cookbook, American Gas Association, 1515 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209, for a free copy.

GO Outdoors

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PLANNING A COOKOUT? Why not involve the whole family... it's a sure way to guarantee success. Mom may find her little helper can be of some assistance, if shown what to do. A young lady of five or six will feel very grown up when she's put in charge of wrapping corn in foil, or setting the table. A young man will feel that he did it all, if Dad lets him turn the meat... and he's a natural to keep the supply of ice and soft drinks refilled.

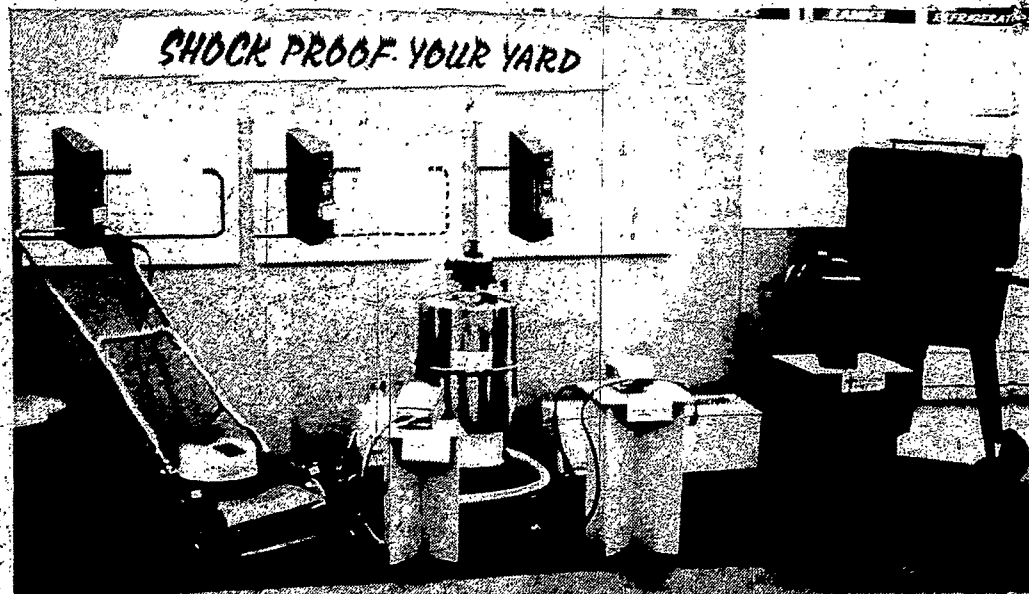
GIVE A DINNER PARTY... but don't worry about dinner. Let your guests fix their own. With an hors d'oeuvres menu, guests can assemble kabobs and grill snacks while enjoying the party. For unusual, but simple, party fixings that can be prepared in advance and left for guests to cook, try large, whole, fresh mushroom caps (grill on skewers about 12 minutes, turning once or twice, then dip in a creamy white onion dressing or eat plain); and giant shrimp, brushed with melted garlic butter and grilled.

HELPING KEEP THE OUTDOORS GREAT is everyone's job. You've heard it all before, but it's still true. When you're enjoying outdoor living, you can do your part by not littering, by recycling products that used to be part of the trash heap, by not burning leaves or trash... and by asking your neighbors not to, also. When watering the lawn or washing the car, don't let the water run excessively. If you are cooking on a gas grill, you're using the cleanest burning source of energy available. Use it wisely... supplies are limited, and natural gas is one of the most valuable resources we have, and a real plus in helping clean up the environment.

FOR A SUBTLE "OUTDOORSY" FLAVOR, soak hickory chips or small twigs from wild cherry or sugar maple overnight in water. Wrap the chips or twigs in foil, punch holes in it and place it directly on the coals or briquettes. Or, add the chips directly to the coals just before the food is done. For a deep smoke flavor, add the chips when you start cooking.

RGE consumer news

This summer, shock-proof your yard



(we'll show you how now)

Each year more than 1,000 people in the United States are killed and thousands are injured because of electrical accidents caused by faulty equipment and misuse of electrical equipment.

One way people have protected themselves has been by grounding their appliances with three-prong plugs plugged into a three-hole outdoor receptacle that is itself grounded.

A new piece of protective equipment, called a ground-fault circuit-interrupter, has been on the market for about a year now. It was developed to detect and make harmless tiny current leakage — a current as small as six one-hundredths of an ampere can kill a healthy man. One ground-fault circuit-interrupter is activated by a fault current to the ground of less than five one-thousandths of an ampere. It provides excellent back-up protection where grounding and circuit breakers are not effective.

The National Electrical Code

now requires that "all outdoor receptacles located between ten feet and fifteen feet of the inside walls of a permanently installed pool shall be protected by a ground-fault circuit-interrupter." Storable pools "shall be supplied by circuits protected by ground-fault circuit-interrupters."

You can see several models of ground-fault circuit-interrupters and pick up literature about them at our Consumer Information Center. It's located on the main floor of 89 East Avenue and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 8 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

If you have further questions about outdoor electrical safety call or visit our Residential Department, located on the fifth floor of the same building. Representatives are there from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to help you.

Have a safe summer; shock proof your yard.

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