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Time to grill up for spring

If you will be shopping for a new outdoor grill this year, here are a few points to consider:

When will power (if ever) be a factor and require a distinctive flavor, has it value time to start to market and clean up afterward. Natural gas is the most convenient but it takes a licensed or certified gas fitter to install it. Flat-screen propane, which is the most popular choice.

While there's no denying that such appeal of a outdoor meal grill, charcoal black is 10 cents you will if you aren't cooking on outdoor kitchen. Numbers don't lie: the big advantage through. It doesn't cost it (all cents all) year.

The cooking surface is an important choice, according to authorities because as Gas Tigers:

* Choices cooking grills are harder to clean and will rust.
* Porcelain coated grills resist heating and are easy to clean.
* Cast iron forms the best grill and coating. The more be seasoned with cooking oil to avoid sticking.
* Porcelain coated cast iron has the benefits of iron and is easy to clean. Cost is still higher than to wood scratches.
* Stainless steel grills last a long time. They don't hold the heat as well or cook as well as cast iron.

If you are having a nice fireplace you grill, pick one with the flavors to go "B" (more rather than go "T" shape for more even heating.

You will notice a BTU rating (British Thermal Units) on most grills. They range from 10,000 BTU to 40,000 or more. This is the rate heat the grill generate with all burners on. A 10,000 BTU unit will use 2 pounds of propane an hour.

Other features to consider include a stainless steel cooking rack which will increase cooking area for baking or searing, a metal handle, a side shelf for extra space, rotisserie burners and side burners.

Some storage companies pick up your $5 box, then deliver it back to you

A new segment of the storage industry is challenging the "you load it" model of renting your space.

A startup called SpaceBox.tv will pick up and store boxes for you, according to Bloomberg Businessweek.

Five the New York company's van drives to the customer and delivers big and plastic boxes. A few days later, they send another van to retrieve the filled boxes. They charge $5 a month for three cubic feet for as many days.

Founder Evan Anderson thinks his business will provide because U.S. consumers are a lot better at accepting things that they are a little go. And the on-demand model is still for apartment dwellers who live far from traditional storage facilities.

Only persons of storage containers live in 21 U.S. metropolitan areas. Services number to SpaceBox.tv available in Boston, Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

There are more than 50,000 self-storage facilities in the U.S. Together, they businesses will generate $23 billion in 2010, according to research from IBISWorld.

Ellen Fox, president of the National Association of Professional Organizers, says people "buy and buy and buy."

Company now at storage facilities are at an all-time high, according to Spacelease, a website that helps people compare deal for the best deals. Now businesses want to stay competitive.

Whether they are grabbing customers who would have gone to regular storage companies, or attracting a new kind of customer, is not clear at this time.

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"I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!"

Steve Stanger,
Home Cleaning Pro

Memorial Day is May 30!

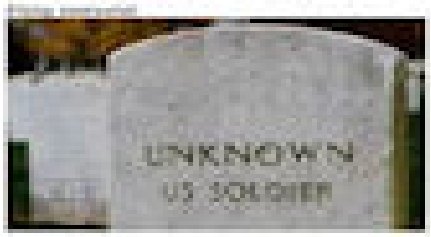
For some 140 years since the end of the Civil War, decorating the graves of military service members has been the primary activity on Memorial Day. Most remember those on American flag on each service member's grave regardless of how long ago he or she died.

Memorials to the fallen of a crisis are called remembrance crosses.

In Arlington National Cemetery, the President places a wreath on the monument known as The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, honoring those soldiers who, in the chaos of war, could not be identified and are known to rest in peace. The tomb stands on a hill in Arlington, overlooking Washington, D.C.

As military veterans on this day become more numerous, the process of decorated family members from who deceased. Many individuals remember visiting the graves of grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles on this one day each year.

And as communities and veterans' groups become more popular, online memorials and tributes provided in cemeteries and also becoming more common. An internet host of cemeteries, listing of procedures or commercial plaques to often and personal.

During the 150 years since the Civil War, almost every family has lost someone, if not a family member, a friend who was lost in remembrance.

For all a prayer for those who are gone to a better place.