Spring Grilling Never Tasted So Good



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It's warming up outside so get ready for springtime grilling. The number one priority for the backyard chef? A dependable natural gas grill! Natural gas grills are not only environmentally friendly, but they also offer the added convenience of not having to replace empty propane tanks.

What's more, grilling outside can help save on your cooling bills since your kitchen stays cool. From appetizers to desserts, nothing beats the taste of food cooked on a natural gas grill.

Desserts on a Grill

Dazzle your family and friends with a dessert prepared on your natural gas grill. Here are some great tips to help you get started: Before cooking your dessert, clean and oil your grill. Cooking on a clean grill will allow your dessert to taste fresh, flavorful and delicious. Most dessert items cook quickly on the grill since they contain sugar. Make sure to keep an eye on them so they won't burn. These are two dessert ideas for your grilling enjoyment.

Grilled Fresh Peaches, Pineapples, Bananas

Baste your favorite fruit very lightly with melted butter, or an oil-based marinade. Place fruit on medium-heated grill. Grill to desired tenderness or just long enough for grill marks to appear. Fruit needs only to be heated and not "cooked." Grilling pulls out the fruit's natural sugar and caramelizes the surface, which creates amazing flavors!

Fruits like fresh peaches, apricots, apples, and nectarines take longer to grill than tropical ones like pineapples or mangos.

Baked **Brownies** on a Grill

Just use your favorite brownie or cake recipe. Place the pan on the second shelf of the grill, close the lid and follow cooking directions. Cool for 15 minutes and serve with your favorite toppings.

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National Volunteer Week

The theme for this April's National Volunteer Week is *Celebrating People in Action*. Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week recognizes the incalculable contributions that volunteers make every day across the country as they step forward to help wherever there is a need.

During this week of celebration and inspiration, we honor the thousands of individuals whose actions help strengthen their communities and make a difference in the lives of others. Because volunteering is an integral part of the Southwest Gas business philosophy, we'd like to take this opportunity to salute all of our employee volunteers who continually take an active role in shaping the best possible future for their communities.



