How to buy a grill

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Grilling season is firing up across America, and most everyone seems hungry to enjoy outdoor cooking. But to grill, you have to buy a grill — buy a one-time disposable number picked up at the supermarket or a specialty store or actually, the art of grilling starts in your kitchenstore to chance.

When it comes to buying a grill, there are plenty of options to suit your taste, your lifestyle and your budget.

And there are enough new features, gadgets and innovations for the grill to keep your family and guests tailgating while you show up those steaks and burgers.

First, consider the type of grill you want. Here are some of the options outlined by the North Carolina Grill and Barbecue Association, an industry trade association based in Arlington, Va.

Gas. "The easy, convenient choice for those who want to grill, but can't really afford cooking at different temperatures or to grill for a long time. Some 62 percent of households have a gas grill. A gas grill, according to the figures in this survey, is the most popular association outlet.

In fact, a survey by the National Pest Management Association shows that the most common type of grill is the gas grill, followed by charcoal and electric.

Pellet. Only 2 percent of households in the U.S. own a pellet grill. However, the association notes that the number of households owning pellet grills is growing. A 2015 study by the National Pest Management Association found that the number of households owning pellet grills has doubled since 2010.

Charcoal. About 63 percent of households with a grill in 2015 said they used a charcoal grill, according to the association.

Options abound; choose what fits your lifestyle best

The Weber Q is a small, but mighty. The portable grill can be setup in a yard, on a patio or a balcony, and can be used for both cooking and smoking. It's designed to be easy to use and clean, and can be used for outdoor cooking.

The Napoleon K-2200 is a compact, easy-to-use grill that can be used for both indoor and outdoor cooking. It's designed to be easy to use and clean, and can be used for both grilling and smoking.

Other considerations. Cooking outdoors is a popular activity, but it's important to choose a grill that suits your needs. Consider the size of the grill, the type of fuel (gas, charcoal or pellet), and the features it offers.