DirectBuy of Central Connecticut offers tips on setting up the perfect 'outdoor kitchen'.

An "outdoor kitchen" used to mean roughing it over an open fire and sleeping on the ground.

April 26, 2008 - <u>PRLog</u> -- Nowadays, what items used to be considered indoor-only are making their debut outside, especially when it comes to outdoor kitchens—a hot new trend that's taken cooking on the grill from a summer activity to a year-round thing. DirectBuy, the leading members-only showroom and home design center, not only sells "outdoor kitchen" units and other accessories at manufacturer's low prices, but also offers some helpful pointers on selecting the right equipment and setup for your home.

For starters, when it comes to selecting a grill, DirectBuy of Central Connecticut recommends considering:

- ? Stainless steel gas or charcoal grills outdoor kitchen means just that: outside! Your kitchen will be exposed to sun, rain, wind and in Connecticut, snow. Even covered, your grill will be exposed to the elements to a certain degree and you want a grill made of material that will withstand bad weather and corrosion.
- ? Free-standing or under-the-counter refrigeration units help minimize trips to the "other" kitchen and gives you a place to store leftovers for the next cookout.
- ? Infra-red burners make sure the grill you do select uses infra-red burners, which heat up faster.
- ? Storage choose a grill with plenty of shelving and cabinets

"The beauty of the outdoor kitchen is it reduces trips to the real kitchen to get supplies. This means you can actually spend time with your guests while preparing your meal. That's why it's just as important when selecting your outdoor kitchen to not forget the comfort of your guests," said Peter Maloney, co-owner of DirectBuy of Central Connecticut. "DirectBuy also gives members the opportunity to save a lot of money by buying outdoor furniture for their outdoor kitchen, directly from the manufacturer."

When it comes to selecting furniture for your outdoor "dining room," there are a number of options in terms of style—sling, metal, cushioned and strapped to name a few--and materials—aluminum, iron, resin, teak, wood, wicker, fabric and vinyl. More choices mean more decisions on materials, fabrics and colors. DirectBuy not only has great outdoor furniture at manufacturer-direct prices, but also designers who can help you make some of those decisions.

"One safe rule of thumb is unless you're planning to buy an entire set of outdoor furniture at once, stick with neutral colors like white, taupe or sandstone. Even if the shades aren't a perfect match, it won't matter if there's a little distance between items, "said Maloney.

Since 1971, DirectBuy has helped consumers enjoy enormous savings on home furnishings, home improvement items, entertainment and outdoor products, and accessories, by providing an avenue to purchase directly from the manufacturer. Conveniently located at 50 Inwood Road in Rocky Hill, DirectBuy of Central Connecticut offers consumers a comfortable, welcoming setting where they finally have the financial control of buying direct.

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