

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Don't Wreck Your Deck; Protect It With A Grill Pad

(NAPSA)—Homeowners are increasingly enjoying outdoor living year-round, using popular “chimineas” and outdoor fireplaces to take the chill out of the air.

Still, the use of decks, docks and patios peaks during warmer weather, when Americans fire up their barbecue grills, turkey fryers and chimineas. However, cooking and entertaining outdoors can wreak havoc on decks and patios—grease stains and ash spots from incidental sparks are two of the most common problems experienced by those who enjoy the backyard lifestyle.

“According to the Barbecue Industry Association, more than 15 million grills are sold annually, and 75 percent of all U.S. households own and use outdoor grills,” says Ray Shelor, National Sales Manager, Special Projects at DiversiTech. “Add to that the growing popularity of outdoor portable fireplaces and deep fryers. If you’ve ever done much outdoor cooking, you know how annoying stray sparks can be and how difficult it is to remove grease stains from the deck or patio.”

Fortunately, DiversiTech offers a simple solution: the “Original” Grill Pad deck protector. This lightweight, fiber-cement protective blanket is placed under outdoor ornamental clay or other portable fireplaces, fryers, smokers and charcoal, gas or electric barbecue grills to protect a deck surface from grease stains and sparks or debris.

The pads have a slip-resistant,



**Grill pads let homeowners enjoy outdoor cooking while protecting decks and patios from ash and grease stains.**

textured surface and are earth-brown in color to blend readily with most woods. With latex, water-based paint, they can be custom colored to match any décor. In addition, these deck protectors “breathe,” preventing long-term water entrapment between the pad and deck surface which can damage the wood. They are easily cleaned with a garden hose and are naturally heat- and weather-resistant.

The “Original” Grill Pads are available in 30” rounds and 30” x 42” ovals and rectangles. An oval opening near one edge serves as a “handle” that can be grasped to conveniently carry the pad when picking it up to move or put in storage. The pads, which range in price from \$24.95 to \$39.95, can be found in hardware stores, home centers, mass merchandisers, discount stores, hearth and patio shops, some supermarkets and wherever grills and accessories are sold.

To learn more, visit the Web site at [www.diversitech.com](http://www.diversitech.com).