



Trevi Canadian Outdoor Leisure Superstore offers the Bull BBQ, a complete barbecue centre that includes an island with storage, refrigerator and side burner.

pretty much every type of barbecue, about 70 per cent of their barbecue sales are natural gas. "Our focus is definitely on natural gas," says Willis. "With natural gas there's no running out in the middle of a cook-out to replace the tank." He says that today more people are buying higher-end stainless steel products and that their most popular item is the Monarch Magnum by Fire Magic. "We think it's the best barbecue on the planet!" says Willis. He also says that barbecues are no longer just a summer item. "We find that most Calgarians, even most Albertans for that matter, barbecue year round," says Willis. "People wouldn't think twice of spending a lot of money on an indoor appliance, and a barbecue is just another cooking appliance to be used year round."

Technology is also helping the gas barbecue to evolve. At Barbecue's Galore, there are numerous makes and models of gas barbecues. The Azuma is just one of the models that can be fit for either propane or gas. Everett says that this fully stainless steel barbecue also includes solid stainless steel grills and its great price makes it very popular. This isn't the only barbecue that can be either propane or gas however and there is quite a price range between models. "Prices can range from a couple hundred dollars all the way up to a \$12,000 barbecue," says Everett. "But I'd say that probably about 99.9 per cent of our gas barbecues can be either gas or propane." One of the newest technological advances made is featured in

# Playing with fire

Condo owners should be extra careful when barbecuing By Sherry Hume

Now that the weather is warm and balmy, barbecuing is a favourite pastime. What better way to avoid heating up the house than to cook out of doors and enjoy the other benefits such as flame-broiled burgers and mouth-watering steaks. House owners are not the only ones who enjoy a nice barbecue however; many condo-owners are also barbecue owners. Whether you live in a townhome-style condo or a sweeping high-rise, you probably own, or are considering buying a barbecue. As long as you have a patio, deck or balcony you too can enjoy a nice cook-out. However, there may be some barbecue safety rules that apply to condo owners specifically. The city of Calgary has no existing bylaws concerning barbecues and condo owners, but the condo boards and associations quite often will.

When you live in a condominium, you share a living-space with other condo owners, so condo boards need to ensure the safety of everyone. With this in mind there may be rules and regulations that vary from property to property. Maria Bartolotti, Managing Director and Agent with New Concept Management, says that

