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where to find it,
how to keep it

7 quick, easy salad suppers

Tips for tipping: who, when, how much?

The perfect gift for every summer occasion

The best: sandals, deck chairs, sunscreens



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Lying Down

It's Sunday afternoon, and your only plans are to make a dent in the latest P. D. James and a tall glass of iced tea. These recliners almost guarantee that you won't make it to the end of the first chapter before your eyelids start to feel heavy.



Best Bargain

ROOM INTERIOR PRODUCTS MESH LOUNGE, \$50

For little more than the cost of those white plastic jobs sold at the supermarket, this outdoor lounger is made of a comfortable, quick-drying mesh—not the budget-motel-issue plastic slatting that sticks to your skin. This reclining chair may not last until the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, but its aluminum frame is sturdy enough to hold 250 pounds. Plus, the lightweight model folds flat and is easily stashed in the trunk for a day at the beach.

TO BUY: Fred Flare, www.fredflare.com.

tip

To prevent rust from forming on wrought-iron or aluminum chairs, bring them inside or use vinyl covers when it rains.



Best Splurge

BERMUDA CHAISE, \$400

With its steel-tube frame and soft, springy covering, this chaise feels like a lounger on a cruise ship. Luckily, the Bermuda chaise has wheels, making it easy to follow the shade without the help of a cabana boy. While you should protect the chair's white covering from nasty weather, the Textilene fabric is mildew-resistant. The chair is also more cost-effective than comparable wood and wrought-iron loungers, as it doesn't require a cushion. Bonus: The chair arrives fully assembled.

TO BUY: Room & Board, www.roomandboard.com.

Pillow Talk

If you want to have a nice, soft, cushiony seat, you could be standing a while, since custom outdoor cushions can call for a six- to eight-week wait. Skip the holding pattern: The following companies offer ready-to-deliver outdoor pillows.



■ The 16-inch-square solid and striped weather-resistant throw pillows from **Country Casual** (shown at left, top and second from bottom) are neutral and feminine. **TO BUY:** \$34 each, www.countrycasual.com.

■ **Smith & Hawken** offers seat cushions in natural or forest green, as well as patterned throw pillows (such as the floral print shown at left, second from top). **TO BUY:** \$39 to \$79, www.smithandhawken.com.

■ **Pottery Barn** has solid and multistripe (shown at left, bottom) Chesapeake tufted cushions and throw pillows, made of weather-resistant polycanvas. **TO BUY:** \$19 to \$39, www.potterybarn.com.

■ **Lowe's** offers a number of options for off-the-shelf outdoor cushions. An in-store chart helps coordinate dimensions with any style of patio chairs you already own. **TO BUY:** \$10 to \$50, www.lowes.com for store locations.