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Available in teak, white and duck-egg green, Winawood chic timber-effect garden furniture will weather many a storm and is guaranteed for three years. Free nationwide delivery available from McLoughlins, Newbridge, Co Kildare, 045 431281; browse and order online from mcldirect.com – and check out their cool collection of log cabins while you're there.



A TASTE OF THE MED Shop the utterly covetable Ethimo range of outdoor furniture at Howbert & Mays' inspirational Monkstown store.

The Italian designs reflect the warmth and radiance of the Mediterranean landscape and are evocative of traditional European outdoor seating styles. Flower folding garden chair, €105; table, €195-€195, howbertandmays.ie.



BAR-B-CUTIE! The very latest in outdoor cooking, the Calor Mini BBQ has won three prestigious national and international design awards. Clever, compact and easy to use, this gorgeous grill is perfect for outdoor cooking – in the garden, on the balcony or out and about. It's stylishly self-contained with a large grilling plate, storage within for the 400g gas cartridge, and a handy wooden chopping board lid, €169, 01 419 7870; shop.calorgas.ie.



Here come the Waterworks

Waterworks is a foolproof plant-watering system from Dutch design studio House of Thol. A set consists of a partly glazed terracotta cone and a glass bulb with cork stopper. Water slowly seeps through the porous terracotta and into the waiting soil – clever! Sets begin at €35, shophouseofthol.nl.



Appy day out

Birr Castle Gardens – world famous for their exotic tree and plant collections, rivers and lakes, formal gardens, terraces and wildflower meadows – are now offering visitors a brand-new virtual tour in the shape of a great custom app. Triggered by GPS, the audio tour takes you to the main points of interest and highlights the many significant plants, trees and features on the castle grounds.

Voiced by Lord and Lady Rosse, the app can be downloaded from iTunes for free. This new addition joins the newly renovated science centre and wonderful treehouse adventure area. If you can, pop along for a visit in April to catch the globally renowned magnolia trees in bloom, 057 912 0336; birrcastle.com.

