

Holiday Entertaining

Holidayproof Your Kitchen

(NAPSA)—Your shopping list is programmed into your BlackBerry and posted to your fridge. You've laundered the sheets (with a hint of lavender) and prepared the guest rooms for your sister and 5-year-old twin nephews. You've set your mp3 playlist to easy-listening grooves and even selected the menu as the host for an upcoming shindig at your abode. But before you slap on the apron, don't forget to holidayproof your kitchen.

During the holiday season, you're likely to spend more time in the kitchen—especially when entertaining company. It is good etiquette to offer your guests a full tour of the place you call home before sitting down to dinner. A sure way for your visitors to lose their appetite is to drink from a spotty glass or inhale a foul smell when grabbing a beverage from the fridge. To prevent these embarrassing incidents, the Healthy Housekeeper, Laura Dellutri, has tips for how to upgrade the cleanliness of the room that's so central to the entertaining season—your kitchen.

1. Revamp your refrigerator. Clean the fridge inside and out. Dump expired food and make room for holiday goodies.

2. Deep-clean the dishwasher. Hard-water deposits, rust and food can build up inside the dishwasher and impede its performance. The result is ineffective cleaning that leaves the dishes spotty, cloudy and dirty. Dishwasher Magic eliminates food stains and odors and is the only dishwasher cleaner that disinfects, killing 99.9 percent of bacteria like E. coli and salmonella.



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3. Sanitize the garbage can.

Polite guests will take their own plates into the kitchen following the main course—don't make them regret it! Be sure to disinfect and rinse the garbage can thoroughly.

4. Eat off your floors. Eighty-five percent of the dirt that enters your home sneaks in on your shoe bottoms. Have an 8'-10' mat for your front door/entry so that shoes can hit it at least six times.

5. Deodorize the disposer.

Have you ever noticed an unpleasant smell coming from the garbage disposer? The cause is waste buildup that doesn't get removed during normal disposer use. Disposer Care scrubs away food, grease and odors, cleaning your entire garbage disposer and drain and leaving a fresh lemon scent.

Work with your kitchen, not against it. Ensure your kitchen looks, smells and feels clean before your next get-together. For more information, visit www.dishwashermagic.com and www.disposercare.com.