

# Home For The Holidays

## How To Freshen Your Home For Seasonal Festivities

(NAPSA)—Holidays are a great time to honor tradition, but they also come with preparing for extra guests and special family events. With everything there is to do, you don't need to stress about getting your home ready. Here are a few tips to ensure you welcome the holidays with a fresh home:

**Be prepared.** Take a walk through various rooms of your home and consider what could use some freshening and whether the bed linens, curtains or tablecloths need to be washed. To freshen rugs and upholstery, sprinkle some baking soda on them and vacuum up.

**Be considerate.** When preparing beds for guests, be aware of any allergies they may have. Use a detergent that does not contain dyes, phosphates or bleaches, such as ARM & HAMMER Perfume and Dye Free Liquid Detergent.

**Make guests feel at home.** Mop up bathroom floor grime with a mixture of baking soda and warm water. A natural but effective product, baking soda cleans tough spots without scratching. Add special touches to the room such as freshly washed towels and special soaps to make guests feel welcome.

**Keep your fridge fresh.** Clean out the refrigerator to make room for delicious seasonal foods.

To keep them tasting fresher longer, open a box of ARM & HAMMER Baking Soda to absorb odors and prevent taste transfer between foods.

For added kitchen freshness, pour baking soda down the drain while running warm tap water to deodorize drains and garbage dis-

posals. Don't forget to stock the pantry and fridge with some of your guests' favorite foods.

### Freshening uses for baking soda:

Sprinkle on rugs and upholstery and vacuum up.

When you have stocked your fridge with fresh food, use an open box of baking soda to maintain freshness.

Use cat litter with baking soda to vanquish litter box odor.

Add ½ cup of baking soda to the rinse cycle for clothesline-fresh guest towels.



**Clean and freshen up.** Thoroughly clean and vacuum, paying special attention to guest rooms. Open a window, run a fan to circulate and display fresh flowers.

**Make your home guest-friendly.** Before guests arrive, ask them if they suffer from pet allergies and how to best alleviate their sensitivities.

**Clean litter boxes** and put pet toys and bedding away, preferably in a room where guests won't go. To prevent even the worst litter box odor, use an odor-eliminating litter such as ARM & HAMMER Clumping Cat Litter with new Ammonia Block formula. And before guests arrive, freshen litter by giving it a quick spray with the company's Cat Litter Deodorizer Spray.

Guests will appreciate the extra effort and appreciative guests help make the holidays stress-free.

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