



## Time And Money-Saving Tips

(NAPSA)—Even with so much to do—parties, presents, decorating and dining—and so little time, the holiday season can be more happy than hectic. These time and money-saving suggestions for holiday shopping and party planning can help you enjoy the spirit of the season:

- **Trim Your List.** Before venturing out for gifts, decorations or party foods, make a list of what you need and try to get as much of it as possible in as few spots and stops as possible. Retailers that offer the greatest selection and variety of quality items at the best value can help.

- **Get It to Go.** Whether you're hosting an elegant evening or a more casual occasion, save yourself significant time and energy by picking up prepared gourmet appetizers such as petite quiches, mushroom turnovers or crab cakes and fancy desserts including chocolate truffles, cheesecake, eclairs and cream puffs. You can find a huge selection of top-quality, fresh, prepared and frozen food at BJ's Wholesale Club, where prices average 20 to 30 percent below most grocery stores.

- **Mix and Match (paper and plastic, that is).** Conserve your energy, table space and china. When hosting large groups, use heavy-duty paper or plastic dinnerware and flatware for easy buffet setup and even faster cleanup. Keep plastic containers and plastic wrap on hand to preserve tasty leftovers.



**Ready-made, frozen appetizers and desserts can help you spend more time enjoying your own holiday parties.**

- **Hit the Lights.** Use a few strands of white lights to add a little sparkle to your mantle, windows or any other area that needs decorating. Outside your home, light the way for guests with solar landscaping lights or special luminaries. Add an extra splash with whimsical yard art such as fiber-optic light displays or fun, inflatable holiday characters.

- **Strike Up the Band.** Music makes a party. Be sure your sound system is up to snuff. For super sound, consider a Panasonic 700-Watt Progressive Scan DVD/CD Home Theatre System or a more tempered 160-Watt 5-CD stereo system.

You can find many of the things you need for easy, happy holidays at more than 150 BJ's Wholesale Clubs. To learn more, visit [www.bjs.com](http://www.bjs.com).