

Holiday Happenings

Using The Internet For The Holidays

(NAPSA)—For many people, the holidays mean spending time with family and friends, shopping, traveling and entertaining. The hours may seem to fly, leaving little time to complete all your activities. If you find yourself pressed for time, the Internet can serve as a time machine to give you extra minutes.

With so much information available online, starting your holiday preparations on the Internet can save both time and money. Gift ideas, decorating tips, holiday recipes, maps, event calendars and more can be found on the Internet.

But sometimes it is difficult to find the right site offering the information, products or services you need. A search engine can give you a fast and easy way to find just what you're looking for.

Search engines like Dogpile (www.dogpile.com) can be useful in locating that one-of-a-kind gift for someone special or tickets for Saturday night's performance of The Nutcracker. Dogpile searches all of the most popular search engines at once and draws together the best results in one place. This allows you to search as much as 50 percent more of the



Web without having to re-enter your search at multiple engines.

Dogpile features a handy "Refine Your Results" technology that automatically organizes and groups results by topic. For example, if you type "Christmas ornaments" into the search bar, the results are automatically grouped into categories such as "trees," "gifts," "lights," and "arts and crafts." This helps you zero in on the information you need with just a click of the mouse.

Using a search engine may be one of the easiest tasks you undertake during the holidays. No matter what you are looking for, search engines are time- and money-saving tools that can help make your holidays more enjoyable.