

Party Tips

Party Etiquette Deciphered: Tips To Survive Any Soiree

(NAPSA)—No matter the season, there always seems to be a reason to celebrate. In fact, the National Retail Federation estimates that consumers spend over \$546 billion planning for different holiday celebrations throughout the year—and that doesn't even include such events as bachelorette parties, football get-togethers and baby showers.

With a plethora of different social gatherings to attend, trying to remember the perfect party etiquette for each occasion can take the fun out of any fiesta. Here are a few hints to help you survive any engagement:

- Make sure to respond by the given RSVP date, as this will help the hostess plan accordingly for the exact number of guests attending. If you plan to decline, be honest in the reason you cannot attend.

- When choosing the proper hostess gift, make sure it is something that doesn't require work to appreciate. A bouquet of flowers forces the hostess to find a place to set them, but a bottle of wine or premixed drinks, such as Cocktails by Jenn—a collection of ready-to-drink, naturally flavored, premium vodka martinis—can be enjoyed by guests or set aside for later use.

- Make sure to arrive on time, as not to hold up the festivities. If you wish to bring a guest and were not formally invited with a date, check with the hostess before arriving with an unannounced “plus-one.” The hostess will appreciate your consideration and it will diffuse any uncomfortable situations before they arise.



Ideal hostess gifts are ones that enhance the party and help the hostess, such as new ready-to-drink vodka martinis sold in fun, colorful totes.

- Party conversation should be kept light and fun—avoid any uncomfortable or controversial topics. Pick up a magazine, watch the news or read the latest headlines before attending an event—this will provide additional fodder to help keep a conversation flowing.

- If you are attending a dinner party, make sure to stay a minimum of one hour after the main course is finished so it doesn't appear that you just came to “eat and run.” When you are ready to leave, make your exit gracefully, acknowledging the remaining guests and thanking your hosts one more time.

Whatever the occasion and wherever the party, the point is to relax and have a good time. If you follow that advice, proper party etiquette is sure to fall into place. To find out more entertaining and etiquette tips, visit www.cocktailsbyjenn.com.