

# HOLIDAY HINTS

## Time-Saving Tips For The Holidays

(NAPSA)—There are a number of ways to take the hustle and bustle out of the holiday season, leaving you with more time for friends and family. Try these expert tips:

### Best Of Both Worlds

A number of Web sites now let you shop online and then go into a store to pick up your purchase. It's a great way to quickly comparison shop and also a good quick fix for last-minute shoppers who can't wait for an online purchase to be delivered.

### Make A List

Santa does it and you should, too. Lists can keep you organized during holiday rushes and help you feel more relaxed and in control. Have a list of things to do, a list of appointments to keep and—of course—a shopping list.

### Keep Meals Simple

Stick with one-pot dishes as much as possible to make cooking time shorter and easier. Also, consider having a sandwich night from time to time. Let kids make their own sandwiches, serve with some carrot sticks and you've got a fast, healthy meal.

### Take Work Out Of Chores

Use simple shortcuts for household chores. For instance, Miele's rotary iron can help you make quick, professional work of pressing linens, tablecloths, towels and fine holiday clothing. The company says the product is 30 to 50 percent faster than conventional



**The right tools can help you save time on holiday chores.**

irons and its ergonomic design lets you sit comfortably while pressing. It even neatly folds large tablecloths and linens as they pass through the iron.

The iron's design features rival larger, industrial machines but the appliance was specifically designed for in-home use and can be plugged into any 110-volt outlet. And don't worry—a smart finger guard detects when hands get too close to the heating plate and stops the iron's rotation to avoid any risk of injury.

### Little Helpers

Delegate some of your holiday tasks among family. Have younger children help you decorate and wrap gifts. Older children can be put in charge of prepping the house for guests and choosing music for holiday gatherings.

For more information, visit [www.miele.com](http://www.miele.com) or call (800) 843-7231.