

Holiday Hints

Great Holiday Parties Need Good Preparation

(NAPSA)—Make sure gravy and red wine don't become permanent decorations in your home this holiday season. Before entertaining, prepare your house for the possibility of spills and stains.

These tips are brought to you by the carpet care experts at BISSELL and 3M:

Un-clutter your house—Clear tabletops of knickknacks to give guests a place to put their plates and glasses.

Use floor mats at all entrances/exits—Place a heavy-duty mat outside the door that encourages guests to wipe their shoes before entering the house. Place a carpet runner inside the door that absorbs wetness from shoes within the first few steps before walking on the carpet.

Clean and protect carpet before the party with a do-it-yourself deep cleaning system like the BISSELL ProHeat Pro-Tech™ with Scotchgard™ protection. This powerful machine's cleaning formulas have Scotchgard protection right in the bottle. So while the ProHeat Pro-Tech is working to get deep-down dirt out of carpet, it's also adding Scotchgard protection to resist future stains and soils. In addition, the machine has an applicator tool that sprays an extra layer of Scotchgard protector on carpet after cleaning—making fibers even more resistant to tough stains and ground-in dirt.

Serve finger food. Try to build your menu around bite-sized food that can be eaten without utensils: finger sandwiches vs.



BISSELL's ProHeat Pro-Tech deep cleaning machine with Scotchgard protection cleans and protects carpets at the same time.

pasta, cheese & crackers vs. soup, tortes vs. slices of pie. The fewer utensils, the less your guests have to juggle!

When the party is over, spot clean any spills right away. If you have a carpet deep cleaner, like the BISSELL ProHeat Pro-Tech system with Scotchgard protection, then it's easy.

Available this holiday season for \$279.99, the BISSELL ProHeat Pro-Tech with Scotchgard protection and 48-ounce deep cleaning formulas (\$9.99 to \$12.99) are a great investment for worry-free holiday entertaining—or entertaining anytime. Call 800-237-7691 for the store nearest you, or visit the Web site at www.bissell.com.

Prepare to relax and enjoy your holiday party!