

ENTERTAINING IDEAS

Paige Davis Says “Yes!” To Easy Entertaining Inside And Out

(NAPSA)—Whether it’s a backyard barbecue, a child’s birthday bash or a casual party to watch the “big game,” inviting friends and family to your home can be a great way to make memories. While your guests may remember the food, drinks, games and conversation long after the party ends, many hosts may be overwhelmed by the challenge of pre- and post-party cleanup.



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Paige Davis, former host of TLC’s “Trading Spaces,” has quick and easy ways to keep your home ready for easy entertaining, plus she offers fast fixes for party messes.

“Hosts and hostesses often spend so much time worrying about how messy their home gets during a party that they forget to enjoy themselves at their own affair,” says Davis. “But entertaining indoors or outdoors is a breeze if you keep your home in tip-top shape in between parties and have simple solutions for post-party cleanup.” Here’s a quick checklist for party perfection:

- Be prepared to be impromptu. Sometimes last-minute get-togethers are the most fun. To prepare for a party in 10 minutes, use a selection of convenient wipes to clean, buff and polish the surfaces in your home. You’ll spend less time cleaning and more time with your family and friends.

- Clean where it counts. Clean up “party central” prior to your guests arriving, like the kitchen, dining room, family room or deck, depending on where you plan to host your party. Remove clutter from countertops, tables and

shelves and dust surfaces at eye level to remove dirt and fingerprints. Put out a few decorations, such as flowers and lanterns, and some tasty snacks and you’re ready to go.

- Make it child friendly. Kids make great party guests, too, so be sure to include them in your planning. Put away breakables and keepsakes and provide a kid-friendly area with age-appropriate activities where it’s OK to make a mess. Don’t worry: Even fine leather furniture can withstand pint-sized guests. Use a natural leather cleaner such as Weiman® Leather Wipes to clean up spills or scuffs.

- Don’t sweat it. Water rings from frosty beverages and glasses are a common party predicament. They result from moisture seeping under the cracks and into the finish of your fine wood furniture, so keep a good supply of coasters on hand. To remove tough water marks, gently rub the stained area with a natural furniture polish in the direction of the wood grain.

- Grilling for the masses. Grilling is almost always popular for entertaining. You can cook a lot of food in a short amount of time while keeping the fun in the great outdoors. Clean the grates regularly with a soft cloth and, if you have a stainless steel grill, avoid using an abrasive cleaning agent. A special stainless steel cleaner, such as Weiman® Stainless Steel Cleaner & Polish, can both clean and maintain the brightness of your grill for years to come.

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