

Holiday Entertaining

Passing The In-Law Test At The Holidays

(NAPSA)—It happens every year.

The holidays are approaching like a North Pole express train and your home isn't ready for the many friends, neighbors, and in-laws who invariably stop by. How can you avoid the house cleaning frenzy prior to entertaining holiday guests?

The answer: Conduct a thorough cleaning ahead of time using your vacuum cleaner, and then just "freshen up" prior to guests arriving. Here's how you do it:

- Use your vacuum cleaner early on to reach places not cleaned every day, such as lampshades, shower curtains, tops of refrigerators, ceiling fans, banisters and even door frames.

- During the early cleaning, pass your vacuum at least four times over the same floor area to collect microscopic particles and allergens.

- Make sure your vacuum filter is working efficiently. A proper filter, such as a CleanStream filter, does more than remove dirt and dust. It prevents harmful irritants and pollutants from re-entering the atmosphere.

Once the house is looking great, all you need is a quick "once-over" on the floors and your home is ready for the pickiest of in-laws. Here are some other tips to make the most out of your vacuuming time:

- As a rule, clean from top to bottom. Dust the highest things in the room first and work your way down. Finish off with a vacuum cleaner that retains dust, and you're done!



When you save time using the vacuum cleaner, you can spend more time enjoying the holidays.

- Vacuum high-traffic areas once a week to help prolong the life of the carpet.

- Should you vacuum or dust first? Actually, the "right" answer depends on what type of filtration system is found in your vacuum cleaner.

Older, bagged units or cyclonics without a post-motor filter will allow some collected dust to blow back into the air—so you should dust last. Newer vacuums, particularly those with HEPA post-motor filters or CleanStream Filtration Systems, prevent dust from escaping the unit—so you should dust first.

- Vacuum floors even if they don't have carpet. This is especially useful before washing floors in rooms such as the kitchen and bathrooms.

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