

Making Your Home Party Ready: Simple Tips From “Mr. Fix-It”

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(NAPSA)—A good host stops at nothing to ensure the comfort of guests, but a master host never forgets that the home itself must also be prepared in order to keep things running safely and smoothly. Staying on top of home care means that when it comes time to host the party, you'll be free to enjoy it as much as your guests.

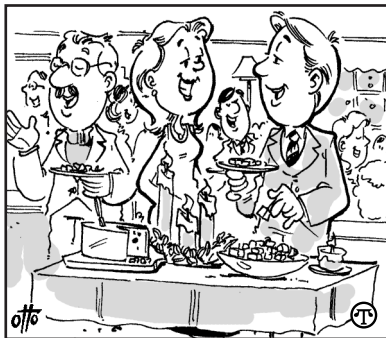


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These simple preventative measures will not only help make your festive occasion a success but will also make your home safe and comfortable every day of the year.

- Furniture gets a lot of wear and tear when you're having a party. Your favorite rickety “antique” chair might just give out when someone sits on it and that could break up more than just the party. Spend a few minutes using some wood glue and clamps to secure that chair and prevent mishaps from ruining your party, or any other day.

- We take for granted how often we flush the toilet and use the sink, but when a clog occurs, it quickly throws a wrench into the party works. Most people (79-percent) will choose to fix clogs themselves, and now there's a more convenient product that can help get the job done faster and easier than traditional methods. It's CLR Power Plumber, a pressurized drain opener that uses 70 lbs of pressure per square inch to rid



pipes of clogs, that can also be used every few weeks to prevent them from ever forming. Without harsh chemicals, acids, lye or CFCs, Power Plumber is safer for pipes, the family and the environment than traditional methods.

- Candles can create a pleasant ambiance no matter what the event, but extra people (especially children) and open flames can be a risky combination. Keep flames away from drapes, furniture or other items that could ignite. I like to estimate what time the party will be over and set my oven timer to remind me to blow the candles out. Always have working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in the house, “just in case”...

Staying on top of small household chores like these will ease stress when you're gearing up to host a party in your home. That way, you know your home is already in order, leaving you free to focus on hosting and enjoying the party.

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