## ENTERTAINING IDEAS

## **Tips For Last Minute Home Entertaining**

(NAPSA)—Last minute dinner guests can be more of a pleasure than a problem with a little advance preparation.

"Even though entertaining in the home is increasingly popular, today's reality is that people have less and less free time to prepare for these relatively spontaneous gatherings," says Kristen Nostrand, Cascade marketing director. "Now with the introduction of new Cascade Scent Expressions, you can freshen your kitchen simply by running the dishwasher. In essence, it's the first air freshener that also cleans the dishes."

Here are several steps anyone entertaining can take to simplify and reduce the stress level of a last minute gathering:

- The most important thing to keep in mind when hosting a last minute gathering is to have fun with your guests. Keep it simple and remember that you are not judged on your personal performance or ability to obtain perfection. Your guests want to spend time with you, not watch you keep busy in the kitchen.
- Only surface clean the rooms your guests will see. Wipe down countertops, put away the clutter and vacuum the carpeting. Close the doors to rooms you don't have time to clean.
- Consider letting your guests cook their own food. Purchase small ready-made pizza crusts, tomato sauce, cheese and a variety of toppings to allow everyone to create their own unique meal. Dinner is bound to be a hit with very little advance preparation.
- Before dinner is served, toss all your dirty dishes and used pots and pans into the dishwasher and run a load with new Cascade Scent Expressions, the only heat-



A little advance planning can help make your next last-minute dinner party a delight.

activated automatic dishwashing detergent that provides an aromatic scent experience in your kitchen. In addition to completing half the clean-up before your guests arrive, your home will feel refreshing and inviting with the scents of Orchard Splash or Lemon Burst filling the air.

• Don't be afraid to clean up while still entertaining your guests. Put your dinner plates in the dishwasher with Cascade Scent Expressions. By the time dessert is served, the majority of your clean-up will be complete and your kitchen will smell great.

Cascade Scent Expressions combine the excellent cleaning of Cascade with a new scent technology to offer a kitchen freshening benefit consumers have never experienced before. Developed with a specially formulated, heat-activated fragrance technology, Cascade Scent Expressions releases light, refreshing scents into the air through the dishwasher's vents, leaving the kitchen smelling great.

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