

Preparing Your Home for Guests

Having guests stay over can be exciting. It can be a happy experience for all with a little planning and prep work.

Start at least a month before guests will be there, depending on how much time you honestly think you'll have and need to get everything in order.

Go room to room and create a to do list.

Start from the ceiling and work your way down to the floor. Any cobwebs? Minor repairs needed? How about the walls?

Put everything in it's place.

Dust/polish the furniture.

You will need fresh clean linens on the beds.

Layout washcloths and towels for guests to use.

Make sure to have enough toilet paper, readily visible should it run out when a guest is in the bathroom.

Once the entire room is in order, clean the floors. Room done. Go on to the next room until it's all done.

If anything is in storage that you need to use, get it out of storage and clean it up. Any repairs needed?

Assign tasks/rooms to members of the family. Make it a fun game for kids/teens/parents with a reward (like renting a couple of movies, making some popcorn, etc.). Whoever finishes first **and** does a great job (finishing the to-do list for that room) will have 1st, 2nd, 3rd picks of the movies to watch. Have a chart so all can see it and check off each room as it's done. It will give encouragement and keep everyone on track. Before you know it, it will all be ready for guests to enjoy.

When your guests arrive that will be staying, show them to their rooms so they can put their belongings in there.

Sample chart below.

