

Preparty Housecleaning “1-Hour Quick Clean” Plan

The “1-Hour Quick Clean” plan is the method to follow when unexpected dinner guests call from an hour away or when your already-busy life allows no more than an hour to prepare your home for guests. So don’t delay! Start checking off these quick to-dos right now.

- Sweep front steps and clean front door glass.
- Carry a laundry basket throughout the house, picking up clutter. Once filled, hide the basket.
- Clean up trash, throw it out, and line trash receptacles with clean liners.
- Wipe down any obvious dirty areas in the bathrooms using household cleaner and paper towels.
- Apply toilet bowl cleaner in the toilets and give them a quick brushing.
- Wipe down the bathroom floors with a damp towel.
- Hang fresh hand towels and put out fresh hand soap.
- Close the doors to rooms your guests will not see.
- Vacuum high-traffic areas that guests will see.
- Dust wood floors quickly using a dust mop.
- Wipe down kitchen counters with household cleaner.
- Clean out the refrigerator, discarding leftovers or expired food. Move larger containers to the back of the refrigerator to make room for extra food or beverages.
- Straighten stacks of magazines and books.
- Straighten sofa pillows.
- Straighten coat closet, making room to hang guests’ outerwear.
- Light scented candles to give your home a fresh and clean aroma.