



Fall is Here Are You READY?

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As we move from summer into fall and winter, the focus shifts from family vacations and outdoor living to prepping your home for colder weather, spending more time inside, and, of course, the busy holiday season. Whether it's a family dinner, a football game, a Halloween party, or a holiday dinner, you may find yourself hosting multiple events all the way through the New Year's fireworks! Now is the time to clean your home, so you're prepared to host those important events in your life.

As the weather cools, people spend more time indoors with closed windows. A thorough cleaning helps create a comfortable and healthy living space. Check out these tips, and you'll be ready for any event.

1. Designate cleaning zones

To make cleaning easy and manageable, break up your home into cleaning zones and tackle them one

at a time. You can define these zones by individual rooms or adjoining spaces. For example, if you have a guest room, you can think of the bedroom and connecting bath as one zone.

Once you've designated these zones, choose one and get to work. Start by decluttering the zone so you can see all surfaces, then break out the cleaning supplies and get to work.

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2. Make a cleaning schedule

According to a survey by the American Cleaning Institute (ACI), the average American spends six hours a week cleaning, which increases to seven hours a week if you're a parent. It can be overwhelming if you leave all that cleaning for one day.

Professional cleaners keep to a schedule and you should too. It may seem counterintuitive, but a cleaning schedule allows you to spend less time cleaning, and it will keep your home looking clean on a daily basis. Use the zones you've created and assign a zone to a different day of the week. Make a schedule that fits your lifestyle and that you're likely to follow.

3. Learn tricks of the trade

Over time, cleaning professionals pick up tips and tricks that give better results. For example, when you clean your windows, do it on a cloudy day. If you clean your windows when it's hot outside, the liquid cleaner will evaporate quickly, leading to streaks and marks.

If you have stainless steel appliances, try wiping toward the grain to prevent

grime and residue from sticking to the grain. Wiping with the grain also results in a brighter shine!

4. Consider a light and deep clean

Fall leads directly into Thanksgiving and winter holidays. Deep cleaning the kitchen, clearing clutter, and organizing guest spaces make hosting and entertaining much less stressful.

Both types of cleaning have their uses. Light cleaning should be done daily, while a deep clean can be done less frequently. To ensure you're consistently doing both, schedule daily light cleaning of your zones and weekly or biweekly deep cleans.

If you're using a timer, double or triple the time you would spend light cleaning a zone, so you do a thorough job. If you keep up with frequent light cleaning, you may spend less time during your deep cleaning sessions.

5. Use what the pros use

There are plenty of household cleaning supplies you can choose from, but consider buying tried-and-true cleaners used by professionals when you want to clean quickly and efficiently.

If your home has several glass surfaces, a professional glass cleaner will allow you to clean and polish glass surfaces fast without streaks. For your kitchen, use a professional stainless steel cleaner to clean up any cooking mishaps before your guests arrive. Consider products that use foaming action. They require less wiping than other products for easy and faster cleaning.

6. Save the big projects like carpet and upholstery cleaning for the pros.

Call **Kleenrite** for these. Your home will look, feel and smell fresh. An added benefit? Just knowing that we are coming to clean will give you the incentive to start on other winter and holiday cleaning projects that you may have been putting off.

Clean smarter, not harder. Use these six tips to keep your home looking professionally clean from top to bottom with minimal stress.

For more information, questions or to schedule your next cleaning service, call **Kleenrite**. We will be happy to help you prepare for the cooler weather and the holidays!

The Good Life



Good Clean Funnies

What do you call fake noodles?
Im-pasta!

Why is dark spelled with a K and not a C?
Because you can't see in the dark.

How does a vampire start a letter?
Tomb it may concern!

Why do hummingbirds hum?
Because they don't know the words!



This Halloween spider hot dog recipe uses crescent rolls for a spooky twist on pigs in a blanket. Kids love them.

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 8 hot dogs
- 2 tablespoons ketchup, or to taste

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 15 mins

Total Time: 35 mins

Servings: 8

Recipe courtesy allrecipes.com

SPOOKY SPIDER Halloween Hot Dogs

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375°F.

Unroll crescent dough; pinch or press perforation between triangles to form 4 rectangular pieces. Cut each rectangle in half lengthwise to form 8 narrow strips. Set aside.

Cut a 2-inch slice through center of one end of 1 hot dog; cut two more 2-inch slices on either side of original slice, so "legs" are about the same thickness. Repeat on the other end of hot dog. Repeat cutting slices ("legs") into remaining 7 hot dogs.

Roll 1 crescent strip around center of each dog. Place spider dogs on an ungreased baking sheet.

Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown, about 11 minutes. Dip a chopstick into ketchup; dot "eyes" onto each spider. Serve spider dogs with remaining ketchup.



Why VENTILATION in Your Home is IMPORTANT to your Health



Most homeowners focus on visible features like kitchens, flooring and smart technology. But there's one system that matters just as much, and it's hidden behind your walls. That system is your home's ventilation.

Think of your home's ventilation system as its lungs. It brings in fresh outdoor air and removes stale indoor air. Good ventilation means fresher air throughout your home, better moisture control, and fewer odors and indoor pollutants.

Every home needs proper ventilation. Whether you live in a cold northern region, a hot and humid southern state or anywhere in between, proper ventilation keeps your home comfortable, healthy and structurally sound.

Modern homes are designed to be super energy-efficient, which means they're sealed more carefully than ever before. The downside? That same seal that saves on your electric bill also traps stale air, humidity and cooking odors inside. Some pull air out of your home and hope fresh air seeps in through cracks and gaps. Others push air in and hope stale air escapes the same way. Neither approach works well in today's airtight homes.

The result? Uneven comfort, excess moisture, condensation on windows, lingering cooking odors, and a buildup of indoor pollutants from everyday activities like showering and cleaning. Exhaust-only systems can create negative pressure, allowing moisture and contaminants to seep into your walls. Supply-only systems trap moisture inside, increasing the risk of mold and long-term damage to your roof, walls, foundation and insulation.

So, how can you ensure your new home provides the ventilation you need for good indoor air quality, long-term home performance and year-round comfort in any climate? Ask an expert on modern ventilation and look at all the options available. Homeowners who prioritize balanced ventilation can enjoy fresher indoor air, improve comfort and have greater confidence that their home is performing as it was intended.

Plan Ahead NOW to Save on Energy Bills this WINTER

Worried about rising energy costs as you look ahead to the colder months? Nearly 7 in 10 Americans (68%) are already struggling with higher utility bills. With autumn just around the corner, it's natural to start thinking about ways to keep heating bills from getting out of control. Planning ahead can give you time to take advantage of simple, low-cost methods to improve your home's energy efficiency.

Try a home energy audit - You could pay for a professional energy audit, but many local utility companies offer free, low-cost or subsidized home energy audits. Energy audits evaluate your home for things like air leaks around windows and doors, your home's insulation, the efficiency of your HVAC system and more.

If your local company doesn't offer this, you can perform your own energy audit. Here are a few simple, low-cost DIY tasks which address

many common issues found in energy audits:

Caulking and weather stripping for windows or doors can help prevent heat loss, saving anywhere from 5-10% on energy costs over the winter. Take a look at the windows and doors - inside and outside the home - find areas where extra caulking or weather stripping is needed.

Look for obstructions around your home to ensure heat vents, air registers or radiators are not blocked by furniture, and are clear of dust and debris.

Replace your lighting with more efficient Energy Star certified LED bulbs.

Try to use blackout curtains with thermal properties that are effective for retaining heat.

Take care of HVAC and furnace maintenance now. Schedule your fall furnace cleaning and tune-up appointments and clean your filters!



By taking a few of these proactive practical steps now, you can help your home stay warmer and more affordable throughout the colder months of the year.



What is the ORIGIN of the Phrase "TRICK OR TREAT"?

The exact phrase "**trick or treat**" is not ancient nor did it originate in the United States.

1927 Print Debut: The earliest known written record of the phrase appears in the November 1927 issue of the Blackie Herald newspaper in Alberta, Canada. It described costumed youth demanding "edible plunder" by using the words "**trick or treat**" while neighbors gladly complied.

The practice and the phrase trickled into the western United States throughout the 1930s but ground to a halt during World War II due to strict wartime sugar rationing.

The 1950s Boom and Modernization

Trick-or-treating exploded into a national phenomenon after World War II, fueled by the postwar baby boom and the rapid growth of suburban neighborhoods.

Pop Culture Cementing: The tradition was fully locked into the American lexicon between

1951 and 1952. A 1951 Peanuts comic strip featured Charlie Brown's gang practicing "tricks or treats," followed immediately by the 1952 Disney cartoon Trick or Treat starring Donald Duck.

The Candy Takeover: Originally, kids received nuts, homemade baked goods, toys, or coins. In the 1950s, candy companies realized the massive financial potential and began aggressively marketing small, individually wrapped treats. Store-bought candy quickly became the standard because it was cheap, un-tampered with, and safe to accept from strangers.

Today, although some jurisdictions in the US forbid the activity for anyone over the age of 12. Dressing up is common at all ages; adults will often dress up to accompany their children, and young adults may dress up to go out and ask for gifts for a charity.





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