



Preparing Your Home for Guests: 24 Hour Checklist

24 Hours Before Guests Arrive

Focus on the Kitchen

- Clear clutter and wipe down countertops
- Load or empty the dishwasher
- Clean the sink and faucet
- Wipe appliance fronts
- Take out the trash and replace the liner
- Sweep or vacuum the floor

Refresh the Bathrooms

- Clean the toilet and seat
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- Clean mirrors
- Replace towels with freshly washed ones
- Refill hand
- Wash bath rugs
- Stock toilet paper
- Empty trash
- Add a candle, room spray, or small plant

Tidy the Living Room

- Pick up clutter and put items away
- Fold blankets and fluff pillows
- Dust visible surfaces
- Clean the coffee table
- Vacuum or sweep floors
- Reset decor to feel intentional and calm

Prepare the Entryway

- Clear shoes and coats
- Shake out rugs
- Wipe down the front door if needed
- Add a welcoming scent or seasonal touch

12 Hours Before Guests Arrive

Guest Bedroom or Sleeping Space

- Put fresh sheets on the bed
- Add extra blankets and pillows
- Clear a spot for their suitcase
- Provide essentials like towels, tissues, or a phone charger
- Empty any trash bins
- Ensure the room smells fresh

6 Hours Before Guests Arrive

Quick Whole House Sweep

- Do a quick dusting
- Crack open windows for fresh air
- Light vacuum or sweep where needed
- Pick up loose items

1-2 Hours Before Guests Arrive

Finishing Touches

- Start a simple simmer pot on the stove for a natural scent
- Turn on soft lighting
- Make sure the bathroom is stocked
- Quick wipe of kitchen counters
- Set out snacks or drinks

Bonus: Simmer Pot Ideas

A simmer pot is an easy and natural way to make your home smell welcoming. Fill a pot with water, add a few ingredients, and let it simmer on low.

Citrus and Herb

- Orange slices
- Lemon slices
- A few sprigs of rosemary

Homey Apple Pie

- Apple slices
- Cinnamon sticks
- Whole or ground cloves

Classic "Williams-Sonoma"

- Orange slices or peel
- Cinnamon sticks
- Drops of vanilla
- Star anise

Coastal Cottage

- Lemon and lime slices
- Fresh thyme
- Rosemary
- Colorful peppercorns

Spa Inspired

- Lemon slices
- Drops of eucalyptus oil
- Small piece of ginger

Simple and Clean

- Drops of vanilla
- Lemon peel
- Thyme or mint

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