

Quick Strategies for Declutter and Cleaning Emergencies

We have all been there....

01

Close the doors to the non-public spaces; bedrooms, bathrooms, laundry, kitchen(if possible), den/play area etc. Keep open only the guest bathroom and the space your guest will be using.

02

Take a trash bag and starting with the front door(or wherever your guests normally enter your house) gather all the trash and also empty all trash cans. Remove all dirty dishes to the kitchen sink or dishwasher. Work your way through each public room.

03

Grab a laundry basket and starting at the front door, toss into it all items that don't belong in that area. Pay special attention to getting items off the floor and minimizing items on surfaces. Now is NOT the time to worry about putting the items away, you just want to make them temporarily disappear. Stash that basket(s) behind a closed door

04

Clear the guest bathroom counters by stashing items in a basket under the sink, dump Pine-Sol or other clean smelling cleaner into the toilet bowl and swish, use the cleaner on the counter and basin. If things SMELL clean we believe it IS clean. Quickly replace the handtowels. This is where those cute disposable paper handtowels are really useful.

05

Fluff pillows and fold blankets on the sofa,make sure random items have been removed and books, magazines etc left behind are neatly stacked. If possible quickly vacuum the front entrance, hallway and guest meeting space then lightly dust surfaces.

06

Put all dirty dishes into the dishwasher OR cover your sink with a large cutting board to hide the mess. Clear the countertops either using a laundry basket or stashing items in the cabinets. Quickly wipe down the sink counters and table using a fresh smelling cleaner and spot vacuum the floor.