



Tips for stress-free holiday event planning

The holidays are a great time to bring your community together and have some fun. But planning a great holiday party can be stressful. To keep your event planning stress-free follow our helpful tips.

Don't feel bound by the calendar.

Are a lot of your residents away around the actual holiday dates? Plan for an event that takes place after the holiday rush! Many people will appreciate a party scheduled after the usual holiday rush.

Pick a date.

Do this six to eight weeks ahead, allowing more time for people to RSVP. Start holiday party planning as early as you can so you don't miss out on a favourite vendor.

Know what you can spend.

Determine a realistic budget and stick to it. Going over budget on a holiday party is a sure way to spoil the season.

Bring in professional help.

A great caterer is an asset. The best ones will have access to other party pros like musicians or DJs, face painters, entertainers, and more. If you have a caterer you love, stick with them! And look to your property manager for additional vendor suggestions as they may have existing relationships with credible vendors.

Use your social committee for planning.

Members can come up with themes, create invitations, and work with your professional property management team to communicate the details. Additionally, they can help recruit volunteers, make decorations, or work with the caterer on the menu.

Make lists and check them twice!

Create a responsibility matrix to keep track of who is responsible for which tasks and their due dates.

Do as much as possible ahead of time.

The more that can be done ahead of time, the less stress you'll feel on the day of the event. Get there early to handle any additional hiccups so the event can start on time and without a hitch.

Relax and have fun!

Enjoy time with your friends and neighbours at an event you helped bring to the community!



The holidays are a time to come together, have a good time, and continue nourishing your condominium corporation's sense of community.

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