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5 tips for upping your game watching party



No matter which team you're rooting for, your game day party will score big with the right setting in your home, delicious snacks and the perfect viewing screen to bring all the action to life.

(BPT) » You're looking forward to the big game, and you've invited all your friends for what should be an exciting day. But now the big questions persist: Do you have enough food? Is my menu going to make everyone happy? What more do you need for a successful game day party? Here are a few simple tips to up your game and make it a day to remember ... win or lose.

1. Make space for a big crowd

Take a good look at your living room, den or wherever you're planning to watch the big game together. Create an open place by removing some clutter to make room for your friends. Pressed for time? Stick random items you don't know what to do with in a big box or bin and store in another room.

Remove extra furniture - like end tables - to make enough room for everybody to sit and move around. We all know how excited we can get when our favorite team scores. Keep in mind that you do need to keep at least that coffee table for all those great snacks you'll be serving.

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3. Make comfort a priority

Chances are, you don't have bleachers in your home - but do you have enough seating for everyone in the room where you'll be watching? Don't try to cram five people onto a three-person sofa.

Instead, move a few extra chairs into the room from elsewhere in the house if needed. Think ahead as to when guests may stand or sit - the halftime show is a fan favorite when most people prefer to sit.

4. Prepare for a thirsty crowd

Plan a variety of drink options, especially if you're

inviting families with kids or friends who prefer non-alcoholic beverages. Make sure to supply alternatives such as flavored water and soft drinks, so everyone can enjoy their drink of choice during the game.

5. Get grea snacks

Everyone loves game-day snacks, but a few bags of chips and some store-bought dip just doesn't impress anymore. There are so many crowd-pleasing favorites, from nachos and wings to chili and pizza, but if you're not a great cook, you don't need to let that get in your way.

Many grocery stores and restaurants will prep a big spread that you can pick up that day. It's as simple as calling ahead to make your order. Or, if friends are willing, go potluck.

Ask everyone to tell you what they're bringing, though, so you don't end up with five pots of chili and nothing else. Prep or buy more food than you think you'll need, just in case the game goes into overtime!

No matter which team you're rooting for, your game day party will score big with the right setting in your home, delicious snacks and the perfect viewing screen to bring all the action to life.

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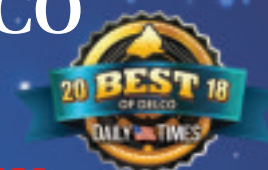


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(BPT) » Entertaining indoors during the chilly winter months can be a fantastic way to brighten up those long, dark evenings. Inviting a few friends over — or a lot — doesn't have to be a difficult challenge, even for first-time hosts. Elsie Larson and Emma Chapman, co-founders of A Beautiful Mess, offer these tips for easy and stressless entertaining.

■ Make the time to clean your home or apartment at least one day ahead, then set the table and spruce up your home with decorations the night before your event. This leaves you with one less thing to worry about on the big day!

■ Whether you're hosting a fancy sit-down dinner, casual cocktail get-together or game-day festivities, stock up on ice and easy-to-fix drinks

so you won't be tied to bartender duty when you could be enjoying the company of your guests. The latest kitchen appliances can help you prep: in addition to the door's light-up glass panel, one of the coolest features of the LG Smart InstaView refrigerator is that you can boost ice production ahead of the party, even from your phone, thanks to the LG SmartThinQ(TM) app. This way you can ensure that your fridge is working for you, whether you're home or at the grocery store! No need to rush out for a bag of ice at the last minute or during the party.

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■ Delegate what you can. If your guests ask, "What can I bring?" — don't be shy about asking for help. If you're light on beverages, request that they pick up a bottle of wine or two. If desserts aren't your strong suit, ask if they can share a favorite treat. Most party-goers feel good about contributing to the event. Make sure to highlight their contributions and thank them when you crack open that bottle or serve their tasty dessert!

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