

# Premeditated Cleaning & Organizing

## Pre-Holiday Checklist

- Clean and set up the coffee bar/area.
- Season cast iron and stone cookware .
- Polish silverware and unpack the holiday dishes.
- Wash the holiday linens.
- Iron holiday linens: runners, napkins, tablecloths, etc..
- Take apart and sanitize the dish washer.
- Clean out the pantry and make a list of items needed.
- Clean the dining table and chairs.
- Wash guest linens and prepare the guest room.
- Add some extra touches of comfort to the guest room.
- Clean out the cabinets in the guest bathroom.
- Defrost and clean out freezers.
- Scrub the inside of the refrigerator: shelves, drawers, and door.
- Clean off and wipe down the top of the refrigerator.
- Wash curtains throughout the main living areas.
- Have the carpets cleaned or rent a carpet cleaner.
- Clean out the front coat closet.
- Flip/rotate mattresses throughout the house.
- Declutter shelves and other surfaces to make room for decorations
- Purge toys from the kids' rooms.
- Wash pet bedding and toys.
- Soak shower heads in a bag of vinegar.
- Wipe down all door knobs and appliance handles.
- Pair up socks in the sock bin, toss out overly worn ones.