

Diwali ki Safai Checklist

3 WEEKS BEFORE

- Go through your closets, organize & donate.
- Verify address book information, update if needed and mail out Diwali cards.
- Organize toys and donate unused and extra items.
- Steam any carpet or rug areas.
- Tend to your garden or balcony by removing any weeds, dead foliage and planting seasonally appropriate plants.
- If needed, send any garments that you'll be wearing during Diwali to the dry cleaners or tailor.

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Go through diyas, festive lights + lamps. Replace missing bulbs, disregard broken items & keep items in an accessible area.
- Organize your pantry and non-perishable goods.
- Clean the oven and refrigerator.
- Deep clean bathrooms, organize toiletries, makeup drawer and medicine cabinet.

1 WEEK BEFORE

- Deep clean bedrooms by cleaning under beds, organizing nightstands and dusting light fixtures and drapery.
- Clean stovetop, preferably after making Diwali mithai and namkeen.
- Organize mandir area, cleaning marble/granite/alter and idols/pictures. Polish any brass and/or silver items.
- Organize all necessary items needed for Diwali Pooja. If need be buy any non-perishable items in advance.
- Hang any lights or garlands. It's never too early to start decorating.
- Meal plan for the week and see which ingredients you do and don't have. Make a shopping list and get what you need.

5 DAYS BEFORE

- Pick out Diwali outfits and steam/iron, hang for use.
- Take out jewelry from bank/locker and keep in a safe place.
- If you'll be hosting family or guests ensure guest rooms are clean, organized and there are plenty of fresh linens.
- Buy any fresh groceries needed for the week.

3 DAYS BEFORE

- Clean front entrance or porch area, this will help when you're decorating with rangoli or diyas.
- If you give Mithai to friends and family during Diwali, make gift boxes and deliver to loved ones.
- Buy fresh flowers for Diwali pooja, garlands, decoration and any last-minute food ingredients needed.
- Soak clay diyas for at least 18-24 hours before use. They soak up less oil this way.

2 DAYS BEFORE

- Food prep, cut, chop, grind and store.
- Decorate your mandir/prayer area.
- Clean and organize kitchen.

1 DAY BEFORE

- Soak any beans/legumes needed for next day.
- Do a last minute quick pick up in each room making sure everything is in order.

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EAT, PRAY, CELEBRATE & ENJOY