

Hi there!

I'm so glad you're here!

Welcome to "Sun Soaked, Tips From The Pros", the mini version of our very first rental newsletter! With it being spring and all, I figured this was the perfect time for our newsletter to bloom! <u>Click here to read the full version!</u>

In our condensed versions, you'll find only the best tips and tricks for completing successful projects and parties, checklists, organizational tools and so much more! To kick things off, in this edition, were sharing 3 tips for your spring outdoor cleanup and 3 important tips for planning a graduation party at home! There's a lot of great information to read up on, so let's get to it!

Until next time,



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Have a topic you want to learn more about or an upcoming event you want to share?

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SPRING CLEAN UP

3 THINGS TO DO TODAY TO PREP YOUR OUTDOORS!

Did you know that getting outside is actually good for you? Seasonal allergies aside, spending time in <u>nature</u> can reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease, boost your mood and increase your focus! Not to mention the major confidence boost that comes from the hard work of sprucing up your green space!

Put down your phone and put on your dirty ol' sneakers, 'cause we're going outside to play! If you get bored after 5 minutes, don't worry! Here are 3 things you can do right now to prep your outdoor space for maximum enjoyment this summer!



1. THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER...

If you finish the above saying with "in your neighbor's yard"...Not anymore! For a healthier and better-looking lawn, it's time to dethatch and aerate!

A <u>dethatcher</u> is going to remove the dead, organic materials (think leaves, leftover grass clippings) that resided on your lawn over the winter. This allows nutrients to disperse and increases water intake, perfect for growth!

An <u>aerator</u> removes plugs of grass and soil from compacted areas in your yard. This allows for nutrients to get down into the roots of the grass. Before you know it, you'll have super strong grass and the yard of your dreams!



2. KEEP THE WEEDS AT BAY

My idea of having fun in the sun does not involve spending time during my weekend pulling weeds!

Stop weeds and grass from creeping into your flower beds by creating clean, crisp edges with a <u>lawn bed edger</u>. Using an electric edger saves you a ton of time and manual labor.

Edging your flowerbeds in the early spring before your flowers are in full bloom is ideal. There here is a smaller chance of cutting or damaging your flowers while working if you spring into action early!

For more specific tips on bed edging, check out this <u>article</u> from Masterclass!



3. IS THERE ANYTHING MORE SATISFYING?

If you have ever watched one of those pressure washer cleaning videos on Facebook or Youtube, you know exactly what I mean!

Take matters into your own hands and pressure wash your deck or patio this spring. <u>Pressure washing</u> removes all of the dirt, grime, organic material, and even any mold or mildew that accumulated on the surface of your structure over the winter. Plus, giving your deck or patio a good scrub at least once a year will extend its lifetime! What's more satisfying than that?

3 TIPS FOR PLANNING A GRAD PARTY AT HOME!

It's time to start planning a graduation party! Sounds great, right? But, if you've never planned a grad party before, or let's say it's been 10 years since your last one, we understand it can be a little overwhelming!

Not to worry though, we've got you covered!

We have 3 tips to get you through the initial planning phase and well on your way to hosting a wonderfully successful and festive graduation celebration!



1. WHAT 'S THE MAGIC NUMBER?

All of your party planning decisions revolve around your guest count. This magic number determines how much food you have, your beverage quantity, seating, guest activities and so much more!

Start by making a list of family, friends, and other people who are important to you and your child. Leave a little extra room on your list and round that number up. Estimate your guest count higher in the beginner because it's so much easier to scale things back closer to the party date!



2. WHERE'S THE PARTY AT?

Most grad parties are open houses, so not everyone will be there at the same time. But, you'll still need to find somewhere for 50 people to mingle.

To create a central party location, survey your space. Do you need a canopy for shade set up in your yard or a tent on your driveway in case it rains? Or will a few tables and chairs in your garage do the trick?

(For more info, check out our <u>Tent vs. Canopy guide</u> along with our <u>tent</u> and <u>canopy</u> packages!)



3. WHERE ARE THE SNACKS ?

Having people constantly coming in and out of your house with plates of food can be a hassle for both you and your guests.

The last piece of the party layout puzzle is figuring out where the food and drinks are going. Do you want to convert your garage to a buffet line, keeping everything out of the elements? Or will it be easier to leave a table or two reserved under your tent for snacks?

Once you decide on a location for your food and drinks, it'll be smooth sailing moving forward!