



WAYS TO THANK YOUR HOST

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Whether you're staying with friends for the weekend or attending a party thrown in your honor, thanking your host is an important step in ensuring future goodwill. Here are a few ideas to acknowledge the effort made on your behalf.

Don't arrive empty handed. Even if you've been told to "only bring yourself," bringing something to add to the celebration is nearly always appreciated. A bottle of wine, an extra dessert or a bag of ice may end up saving the day.

Consider something just for the host. Bringing a dish to share is often common courtesy, so bringing something just for your host is a great way to show your appreciation. A bouquet of flowers, festive hand towel or calming candle will serve as a reminder of the memories shared.

Remember the kids. Bringing a special treat for the children of the household is another way to thank your host. Depending on the time of year and the ages of the children, coloring books or art supplies, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, yard game or beach toys can keep kids busy and be something they can enjoy in the future.

Return the favor. If you're a houseguest, consider repaying your host's kindness by hosting a meal during your stay. Or, make plans to host when it's their turn to visit you.

Take note. Follow up with a thank you note within a few days of the gathering. Make it personal by including the highlight of your visit.

Enjoy yourself! Most hosts like it most when their guests have a wonderful time. Do your best to be well-rested, patient and ready to kick up your heels.



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