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Laundry

PICNIC SEASON IS THE PERFECT TIME OF YEAR

to serve up classic all-American food, but these favorites can result in ketchup, mustard and chocolate ice cream stains! We can help with the cleanup after your July 4th cookouts and other delicious holidays during the summer months — like National Hot Dog Day, National Ice Cream Day, and National Watermelon Day. You can keep your family's clothes stain-free and looking crisp throughout the season with ACI's Stain Removal Chart.



Handwashing

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Healthy Schools, Healthy People, It's a SNAP National Award recipient: Minnesota's Fulda High School! Their "Clean Up Germ City" campaign promotes proper handwashing steps and reminds kids that diligent handwashing can keep them and their classmates healthy. You can also promote these award-worthy messages as you get your kids ready for "back to school"! Get your local school off to a healthy start by creating your own initiative that promotes healthy handwashing behaviors, and don't forget to apply for next year's awards!



Surfaces

IT'S SUMMERTIME ... AND EATING OUTDOORS IS FUN!

But whether your al fresco cooking and dining takes place on the deck, balcony, beach, or roadside picnic table, it's still important to keep food safety in mind. Remember to clean all surfaces and hands before handling food, and prevent cross-contamination (and foodborne illness) by using clean platters and utensils to transport and serve cooked food. And never place cooked or ready-to-eat food (like fresh fruits and vegetables) on the same platter that held raw meat or poultry.



Dishes

SUMMER'S OUTDOOR CELEBRATIONS can mean an overload of picnic platters and neighborhood block party serving dishes. As you wrangle your warm-weather entertaining gear, keep your dishwasher in working order by cleaning it regularly (this season and throughout the year). Check out ACI's easy steps here.



Sustainability

LONGER SUMMER DAYS MEANS MORE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND MORE DIRTY CLOTHES.

With the increase in laundry during high-activity months, it's important to keep sustainability in mind. Did you know using cold water to wash your clothes can save energy and money? (In fact, according to energystar.gov, it's heating the water that consumes 90% of the energy to run your washer!) Check out ACI's guide for energy-efficient laundering during the summer and all year.



Ask Nancy

I HAVE BEEN READING ABOUT LAUNDRY PACKETS AND THE STEPS THAT MANUFACTURERS ARE TAKING TO HELP KEEP KIDS SAFE. DO YOU HAVE ADVICE THAT I CAN SHARE WITH MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS? Click here to find out.



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