

Alpine County Choose Civility Campaign

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November Focus:

Care for your Guests and Be a Considerate Guest

One of the lessons my grandma taught me by her actions was to be good to the people who came to our home. I remember she always brought out coffee or sweet tea and asked everyone to stay for supper or dinner. It was a given that visitors would share our meal even if the pickings were slim.

With the holiday season approaching, I wanted to share a few civility tips in case you have visitors or if you'll be staying with someone else for a while:

1. Be honest about expectations of your visitors such as "Help yourself to water or juice. We'll be eating in about an hour" or "I've got some errands to run and you're welcome to come or wait here."
2. When invited to someone's home, be sure to respect arrival and departure times. Don't overstay your welcome or make your host keep a meal hot for your tardiness.
3. If an invitation does not say to bring a friend, do not bring an uninvited guest with you.
4. Always RSVP if asked to do so. The host is counting on you to know how many people to prepare for.
5. Be sure to pick up after yourself and respect your host's household rules. It's polite to make your bed and keep the guest bathroom tidy too. Put your dishes away and offer to help with chores.
6. We should respect the property of others, whether we are visiting relatives or friends or if we're in a hotel, restaurant or at the park. Let's do the civil thing and not make more work for someone else by being messy and careless.