

# TOILET TRIO

Let's face it. You spend a lot of time on your throne. Your next purchase might as well make you a happy camper. Consider one of these three commodes:

## BEST LUXURY



## BEST MID-RANGE

## BEST ECONOMY

### ECONOMY

**What:** Gerber Avalanche WS-21-824

**Why:** This one's not super cheap, but you'll get a quality commode for your money.

**Pros:** Delivers 1.28 gallons per flush. Its dual jets and glazed trapway promote a clog-free waste removal. The elongated bowl is designed for maximum ease and comfort.

**List price:** \$422

### MID-RANGE

**What:** American Standard ActiClean 714AA.151.020

**Why:** One word – self-cleaning – need we say more?

**Pros:** This advanced model features a system that cleans and eliminates stains with deep and quick cycles. It also offers 1.28 GPF and a CleanCurve rim that negates unwanted buildup.

**List price:** \$608

### LUXURY

**What:** Kohler Numi K-3901-0

**Why:** Heated seat. Foot warmer. Mood lighting. Motion-activated seat. Truly an epic throne.

**Pros:** In addition to all the creature comforts, it offers a 0.6 GPF option, an all-in-one retractable self-cleaning wand, an air dryer and a deodorizer. This toilet does it all.

**List price:** \$6,339

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# COOL COOLERS

Sure, you could go with tried-and-true plastic, but why not ramp up the cool factor with one of these handcrafted coolers?

### GRAB A BUCKET

While galvanized buckets are perfect for planters, many medium and large sizes can double as coolers. You can even decorate them with spray paint, burlap or whatever to match your party's theme. For larger parties, spread several buckets around the backyard, each containing a different selection of your favorite beverages.

### SOAK 'EM

This idea is not quite as easy to pull off, but so worth it for the wow factor. Find a vintage baby bathtub like the one shown above. These heavy antique porcelain beauties can be found at flea markets for a couple hundred dollars, depending on condition. And when you're done with party season, use it as a planter.

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### SUMMER SOLUTION

## WHAT'S THAT SMELL?!?

The endless days of summer fun at the pool, lake or beach might make your towels and bathing suits quickly start to smell like mildew. To get rid of the odor, throw all the offending garments in the washing machine and add one cup of distilled white vinegar. Do not add laundry detergent. Simply set your washer temperature to high, and let the vinegar work its magic. If the towels still retain a bit of stink, try rewashing in hot water with half-cup of baking soda (no detergent).





## HACK THE HEAT

As the days grow hotter, you may have that one room that just can't stay cool. You may be thinking about buying a portable A/C unit. Be careful. These units draw a lot of power and could trip circuits in bedrooms that aren't equipped for high electrical needs like a kitchen. The solution? Plug the unit into an outlet by itself. If it's still tripping, consider getting a dedicated circuit installed, which will cost about \$300.

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## PROTECT YOUR EARS

Working in your yard can be relaxing, but did you know most of the mechanical tools you use can generate noise between 80 to 105 decibels? Prolonged exposure to noises over 85 db can be harmful to your hearing. Equipment like lawn mowers and leaf blowers should be used with earplugs or earmuffs. If you're in the market for new equipment, consider electric-powered instead of gas, as the engines tend to be quieter.

Sources: CDC; Dr. Ana Anzola, Ascent Audiology & Hearing, Washington, D.C.

## PARTY TRICK!

Impromptu gathering at your house? Thrill the crowd with your chill skills. You're just five quick steps away from cold drinks. Go!

### WINE BOTTLES

1. Grab a paper towel and dampen it.
2. Wrap the paper towel around the bottle.
3. Put the bottle and paper towel in the freezer.
4. Wait 10 minutes. Set a timer. A forgotten bottle can be messy!
5. Ding! Let the sipping begin.

### SODA CANS

1. Dump ice into a bucket or cooler.
2. Pour cold water over the ice.
3. Grab your kitchen salt, and dump in a cup or so.
4. Swirl it around and bury your beverages. Wait about 2 minutes.
5. Boom! Grab a cold one.

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# JUNE 4 THINGS TO DO

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

## 1 HERE'S TO YOU, DAD!

Ready for Father's Day? Consider surprising him with a gift of a handyman service to help your busy father tackle that long to-do list. Or tools are always great for a handy dad who loves to tinker in the garage. HINT: It's a great time to buy tools for you, too, as retailers discount them around Father's Day.

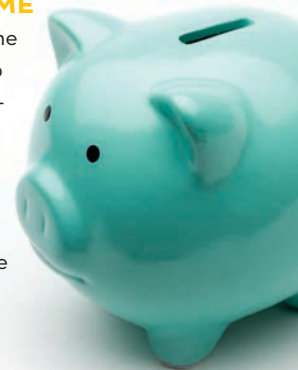


## 2 CLEAN SCREENS

They can collect all sorts of grime. Removing and cleaning window screens will improve your view. If they are mildly dirty, a vacuum cleaner and soft-brush attachment will do. If they're dingy, mix 1 tablespoon of dish soap with a half-gallon of warm water and gently scrub with a soft cloth.

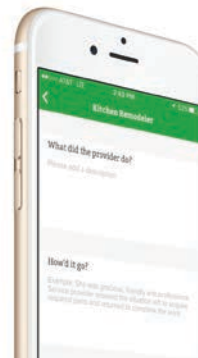
## 3 CELEBRATE HOME

Did you know that June is National Homeownership Month? Celebrate your biggest investment by getting your finances in order. Consider a refinance while rates are still low. Open a savings account for home emergencies. Not a homeowner yet? Start saving for that down payment.



## 4 WRITE A REVIEW

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