

# Thanksgiving

## ✓ Hosting Checklist



### 2-3 WEEKS BEFORE

- Make a guest list and send invites via phone/text/email
- Make sure you have enough tables & chairs
- Plan your menu
- Inform guests what to bring or find out what they are bringing (if they are contributing)
- Decide on the linens and the dish ware you want to use

### 1-2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Shop for any non-perishable items to beat the rush (paper products)
- Cook anything that will freeze well - pie crusts, soups, stock, etc.
- Write down all dishes that you'll be making
- Make your grocery list and go shopping
- Make sure you have tupperware for leftovers
- Clean out fridge and freezer to make room
- If you're buying a frozen turkey, now's the time**  
Check local supermarket ads to get the best deal

### 3-5 DAYS BEFORE

- Clean your house
- Review recipes and plan a cooking schedule  
**This is a key step to ensure success**
- Prepare items to keep the kids busy - games, crafts, puzzles, etc.
- Create a music playlist
- Begin defrosting your frozen turkey if that's what you purchased - **They take longer than you think to thaw**
- Decorate the house and put out non-perishable decorations like candles, pinecones, or wreaths

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- Buy your perishables & don't forget to get ice!
- Clean veggies and then refrigerate them
- Take anything out of the freezer you made ahead to defrost
- Bake Your Pies

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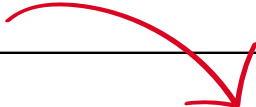


### 1-2 DAYS BEFORE

- Begin food prep (chop and peel your veggies)
- Make your cranberry sauce
- Brine your turkey
- Prepare all the make-ahead dishes
- Spot-clean all the rooms that you will use while you're entertaining
- Set up tables, serving dishes & silverware
- Cool your beverages

### THANKSGIVING DAY

- Get up extra early and drink plenty of coffee
- Take turkey out of the refrigerator for 1 hour before baking
- Dress, season and bake your turkey (allow 30-60 minutes of resting time)
- Prepare all the make-ahead dishes
- Make the gravy while turkey rests
- Cook/warm all the side dishes
- Set out appetizers and beverages



*P.S. Don't forget to enjoy your dinner and give thanks*



## SHOPPING LIST

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