

# Thanksgiving Checklist



## Two weeks before

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- Start clearing out space in your freezer & refrigerator.
- Complete your grocery lists based on all of the recipes on your menu
- Shop for non-perishable items on your grocery list
- Gather all of your serving dishes & assign each to a menu item using a post it
- Take inventory of all tableware & glassware to make sure that you will have enough
- With inventory taken, set up any rentals you will need with a party supply company
- Schedule an appointment with your hairstylist for a blowout the day before Thanksgiving
- Create a music playlist to listen to during your Thanksgiving meal
- Wash and press your linens
- Stock up on foil, freezer bags & take away food containers for you & guests

## One week before

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- Confirm your guest list & schedule any airport pick-ups
- Plan seating arrangements
- Make final prep to all guest rooms
- Set the table or gather everything you need you'll need & place it close by
- Wipe down all appliances
- Manage yard work & decorate the exterior of your home
- Make or buy extra ice & store in freezer
- Prepare the brine for your turkey and make stock
- Review recipe ingredients & grocery lists to ensure you'll have everything you need
- Figure out when you need to start thawing the turkey

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## One week before continued

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- Make a schedule for baking & food prep
- Write an hour by hour Thanksgiving Day plan
- Decide on your outfit

## Two days before

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- Finish shopping for groceries & pick up all orders from specialty shops
- Buy flowers and greenery
- Prep ingredients for recipes
- Put the turkey in brine & keep chilled in refrigerator
- Prepare any desserts & store in airtight containers
- Tidy your house with light housekeeping to guest bath, kitchen, living & dining

## One day before

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- Make all side dishes that can be prepared ahead of time
- Prepare a breakfast casserole for easy breakfast in the morning
- Spot clean common areas your home & empty trash bins
- Run the disposal & disinfect the kitchen sink & counter tops
- Hang fresh towels & stock guest bathrooms with toilet paper and amenities
- Go to your hair appointment
- Create a self-service bar & stock all the supplies
- Also dedicate a space for a coffee & water station
- Arrange flowers in vases & don't forget to place a small arrangements in guest rooms
- Charge your digital camera & assign someone as the photographer
- Chill wine & champagne in refrigerator

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## Thanksgiving Day

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- If guests ask to help, let them
- Set out water & coffee
- Prepare the breakfast casserole
- Prepare & start cooking the turkey
- Set out snacks for the game
- Put condiments in dishes, cover & refrigerate until ready
- Make gravy & any last minute dishes
- Roast vegetables & heat the stuffing
- Unplug & enjoy your friends & family

## Clean up

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- Let your guests help
- Clear the table, wash platters & return dishes to guests
- Pack leftovers & store in refrigerator
- Soak pots, empty kitchen trash & recycling bins
- Pretreat any table linen stains

## The day after

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- Wash table linens
- Put away serving ware
- Put away extra furniture or have them ready for rental company pick-up
- Treat any carpet/upholstery stains
- Make turkey broth

