

# THANKSGIVING To-Do's



## 2-3 Weeks Before

- Plan dinner menu
- Start planning/testing new recipes
- Invite guests and verify what they will bring
- Plan table decor/ place settings
- Deep clean kitchen/ appliances
- Special order turkey (if applicable)
- Buy aluminum foil, plastic wrap, to-go containers, and paper products
- Test necessary appliances like electric knife, hand mixer, etc.
- Shop for other non-perishable items
- Plan kids' activities
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## 3-4 Days Before

- Deep clean guest bathroom and refill soap and toilet paper
- Shop for perishable food items
- Prep cold dishes like cranberry sauce, salads, and cold appetizers
- Make iced tea
- Cut bread into cubes and leave out to dry for stuffing
- Declutter hall closet/entryway for guests' coats and purses
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## 1 Week Before

- Defrost turkey in refrigerator
- Start making ice (or plan to buy it) and clean out cooler/ice bucket
- Check that you have all utensils, gadgets, and serveware
- Make grocery list and go shopping
- Stock up on alcohol, mixers, soft drinks
- Get out punch bowls, appetizer trays, etc.
- Purchase to-go containers, ziploc bags, etc. for guests to take home leftovers
- Create a music playlist
- Get kids involved in making Thanksgiving crafts to display
- Start using up leftovers in your fridge to make room for the big day
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## 2 Days Before

- Decorate main dinner table
- Clean the house and clear the yard
- Make desserts that can be made ahead
- Set up drink station with glasses, cocktail napkins, ice bucket, etc.
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## The Day Before

- Make pie dough
- Chill wine/drinks and make punch
- Set out all serving dishes and utensils
- Brine turkey
- Make homemade rolls (if applicable)
- Collect last minute items (extra ice, etc)
- Prepare side dishes that can be made ahead
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# THANKSGIVING Countdown



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