

Thanksgiving Prep List

• Four Weeks Before •

○ Meals

- Figure out what your menu will have on it and start to collect recipes you like.
- Plan your meal items based on cooking temperatures so that you can have multiple items going at the same time.
- Create a calendar schedule for when to buy which items at the store.
- Reserve your Turkey if you need to order one.

○ House

- Take inventory of how many place settings, salt & pepper sets, dishes, and glasses you will need.
- Buy or set out your Thanksgiving table decor, cleaning items as needed.

○ Invites

- Invite your friends and relatives with a Facebook or online invitation, email, or phone call. Assign them dishes to bring if desired, and identify any special food needs.

• Four Days Before •

- Thaw your turkey as required per pound (some will start this early).
- Purchase all necessary shopping ingredients and refrigerate items that will be served cold like cranberry sauce. Don't forget to buy and chill alcohol and drinks.
- Confirm invitees attending for an accurate headcount.
- Clean house and wash linens and tablecloths that will be used.
- Make or buy ice & containers for people to take leftovers home.
- Fill salt & pepper shakers and check your condiment inventory.

• Day Before •

- Do light cleaning on bathrooms & other areas guests will be in.
- Do all cooking that can be done the day before (pies, appetizers).
- Set your table place settings.

• Day Of •

- Cook, serve & enjoy the day, remembering to be grateful for food, friends, and family!