

Holiday Checklist:

Write out your menu:

Two days (or more) ahead

- Shopping
- Clean the house, you don't need a spotless home if you regularly clean. Last minute cleaning are often the bathroom, sliding/french door glass, door knobs, pet areas, floors from front door to kitchen and where guest will be sitting.
- flowers, decorations such as candles
- tablecloth, placemats, napkins
- dinner dishes and silverware, glasses, pitchers, serving dishes and serving spoons

Shopping List:

- drinks: alcohol, non alcohol, fruit garnish
- appetizer: cheese, crackers, nuts, olives
- eggs for deviled eggs and more if needed for baking
- fruit Cranberries, and any fruit you'll need for recipes
- herbs and flavors dry or fresh (and remember fresh herbs make recipes taste delicious)
- flavors: chicken stock/bouillon for gravy, stuffing
- vegetables- onions, celery, potatoes, carrots, beans and any other vegetables you'll need for you dishes (grab some extra celery carrot and onion if you'll be making soup with some of the leftovers)
- potatoes, sweet potatoes
- rolls or bread
- marshmallows - if needed for sweet potatoes
- turkey, ham, beef or your main dish, seafood, lasagna etc.
- stuffing (what you'll need)
- salad: ingredients if you're planning on serving salad)
- salad dressing
- butter (for dessert, rolls, potatoes)
- milk (for potatoes, coffee, dessert)
- whipped cream, ice cream
- coffee (prep a tray with tea, cups, cream, sugar)
- leftover containers if sending home items

The Day Ahead:

- Make or prep anything you can
- cranberry sauce
- hard boiled eggs for deviled eggs,
place filling in a piping bag and pipe
the day of serving
- gravy
- casserole (sweet potato, vegetable)
- Cut vegetables, cheese, place items
like box of crackers on serving dish,
cups and coffee/tea items on tray
- Dessert - Bake pies, make cookies
or any dessert you'll be serving

The Day of:

Prep potatoes in cold water
Organize appetizers (cheese platter, deviled
eggs, olives etc)

Remember to relax and enjoy your
company, even if things don't go as
planned, most often no one will know things
are different than planned but you.

Wishing you a wonderful day.
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