

ONE-WEEK
Thanksgiving
 CHECKLIST



7 DAYS

- Confirm your guest list.
- Finalize your menu.
- Make a seating chart.
- Decide on your décor.
- Order your turkey (if fresh).

6 DAYS

- Clean out your refrigerator & freezer (so there's ample space for ingredients & leftovers).
- Make a grocery list. Be sure to include turkey (if frozen).
- Shop for non-perishable items.
- Buy &/or make decorations.

5 DAYS

- Clean your home (don't forget to prep the guest room, if necessary).
- Make a cooking schedule.
- Make sure linens (napkins, tablecloth, etc.) are laundered.

4 DAYS

- Prep ingredients.
- Plan which platter/serving dish you will be using to serve each item.
- Make sure you have enough plates, glasses, chairs, etc. for guests.



3 DAYS

- Begin defrosting your turkey (according to package directions).
- Prep ingredients for appetizers, sides & desserts.
- Begin decorating your home.

2 DAYS

- Shop for non-perishable items.
- Chill your beverages.
- Prepare reheatable dishes.



1 DAY

- Set out all serving dishes & platters.
- Set the table.
- Double-check home is clean & ready for guests.

THE 
BIG DAY...

- Prepare the turkey & accompaniments.
- Try to clean as you go.
- Enlist help from family members & friends.
- Relax & have fun!**