



happy Thanksgiving

HOSTING GUIDE

When it comes to Thanksgiving, it seems like everyone focuses on the food (and hopefully, the gratitude!).

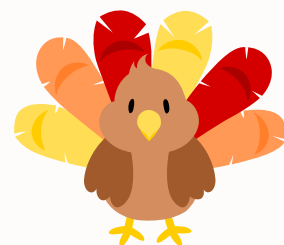
However, if you're the one entertaining, there's a whole HOST of non-food-related tasks that also need to get done.

We've created this guide to help you keep track of **ALL** of it. Obviously, every family and situation is different, so tailor the following lists so they work for YOU.

A good plan will make entertaining much easier and a lot of fun! The goal is to enjoy your family and friends, and to remember just how much we have to be thankful for.

Happy Planning and Happy Thanksgiving!

Annmarie and Marie



PRE-PLANNING

- ☐ Make a "Who's coming" list (adults and kids) so you know how big a turkey to get!
- ☐ Order the turkey. If you're buying frozen, make sure there is enough room in your freezer to accommodate it. If you're buying fresh, some places will even clean and prep it for an additional fee.
- ☐ Create a menu based on holiday favorites and family traditions – apps, main dishes, sides, desserts, etc.
- ☐ If it's a potluck, find out what everyone is bringing and write it next to their names on the "Who's coming" list. And don't be shy. Let them know what would be most helpful!
- ☐ Now you can make a more accurate shopping list. Create the list based on your recipes and the current inventory in your cabinets or pantry. Pay particular attention to items you usually have stocked. Be sure you are not running low on things like spices, oils and flour.
- ☐ Based on your menu, set your own cooking/baking schedule. What cooking needs to be done on Thanksgiving Day itself? What can be made in advance?

NON-FOOD-RELATED TO-DO LIST

What needs to get done in the house? Figure out a manageable schedule for getting it all done, based on what's right for YOU. Do a little each day.

Literally write down the tasks by day, including “day of.” Here are some examples of what to include:

- ☐ Clean and disinfect the house.
- ☐ Iron the tablecloths.
- ☐ Wash the good china and polish the silverware if needed. If using paper goods, add that to the shopping list!
- ☐ Set the table.
- ☐ Stock bathrooms with toilet paper and guest towelettes.
- ☐ Is family staying with you? Get their rooms ready!
Do these rooms need to be decluttered before they are “guest ready”?

Many people call us for help during the weeks leading up to the holidays. If you need extra support and woman-power, contact us!

