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# ULTIMATE BACKYARD BBQ

*Planning Guide*



  
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# The Menu



*Chimichurri  
Steak*



*Purple  
Potato Salad*



*Banana Cream  
Pie*

*Avocado & Bacon  
Salad  
With  
Sweet  
Vinaigrette*

*Coconut Mojito*



# *BBQ Planning Checklist*



**4 Weeks**

**Send the evite or text invites based on your compassionate guest list**

**Decide on a theme or color scheme**

**Order everything requiring shipping—linens, glassware, décor, etc**



**3 Weeks**

**Order any rentals including linens, glassware and unique servers**



**2 Weeks**

**Confirm Guest Count**

**Brainstorm ways to personalize the event. Think homemade and hand-made.**

**Decide on a Plan B and rent a tent or move the party inside in case of inclement weather**



**1 Week**

**Create your backyard music playlist**

**Test speakers/make sure wireless speakers are charging**



**3 Days out**

**Shop for food**

**Floral delivery or pickup. If ordered wholesale, follow recommendations for keeping fresh.**

**Housekeeper/cleaning day**



**Night before**

**Cut fruit, lemons, limes for bar**

**Make hardboiled eggs for potato salad**

**Make banana cream pie and place in fridge overnight**

**Make dressing for salad and place in fridge**

**Place cold beverages in fridge**



**Day of**

**Make Chimichurri Sauce**

**Grill Steaks**

**Cook potatoes**

**Cook Bacon for salad**

# Day of BBQ Timeline

**7:00 -Wake, drink lemon water or grab a coffee and eat a healthy breakfast**

**7:30 -Go over to-do list**

**8:00- Get some exercise, go for a walk outside, anything to get your heart pumping**

**9:00—Shower**

**10:00– Make chimichurri sauce and place in mason jar in fridge**

**10:30— Make sure cold drinks are chilling**

**10:45— Make purple potato salad and place in fridge**

**11:30—Have a healthy lunch**

**12:30—Pull out any yard games or activities**

**1:00—Place any linens, tablecloths, decorate tables**

**2:00— Chop lettuce and prepare all ingredients for salad and put back in fridge**

**2:30—Take a few moments to relax before the guests arrive**

**3:30—Make a few coconut mojitos for early arriving guests**

**4:00—Guests Arrive, grab a coconut mojito**

**4:30—Fire up the grill and start grilling steaks**

**5:00—Pull the steaks off of the grill and let rest 7-10 minutes and pour chimichurri over , toss the salad, bring out potato salad**

**5:15—Time to eat!**

*Opening up your home to friends and family is entertaining with love in and of itself.*

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