

# Garden Party Checklist

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- ☐ Before the Party
  - ☐ Two weeks before the party, consider giving your outdoor furniture a major repaint.
  - ☐ Decide on the kind of lighting and music that you want to have for the event.
  - ☐ Arrange to have a good clean-up in the garden.
  - ☐ Check the weather forecast in advance so you can be prepared to make alternative plans.
  - ☐ Create a guest list and send invitations.
  - ☐ Create a shopping list for everything you will need to prepare.
  - ☐ Consider hiring a bartender to serve up mixed drinks.
- ☐ Day of the Party
  - ☐ Prepare and cook the meals.
  - ☐ Enlist the help of your family in arranging the necessary furniture and decorations.
  - ☐ Lay the table arrangements.
  - ☐ Put different colored tablecloths on the tables.
  - ☐ Use small flower pots to hold the silverware and napkins.
  - ☐ Perch votive candles in glass holders on tree branches.
  - ☐ Use Citronella candle pots or torches.
  - ☐ Illuminate steps and steep paths.
  - ☐ Turn on the music to set the mood for your garden party.