## Thanksgiving Checklist

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$\square$ 3-4 Weeks Prior
$\square$ Determine your dinner menu.
$\square$ Create a list of everything you'll need to purchase and gather.
$\square$ Send invitations.
$\square$ If you need to place a special order for a smoked turkey or honey-baked ham, place it now.
$\square$ Map out roles for event helpers and delegate by asking for their assistance before your dinner.
$\square$ Start making holiday decorations for your home, if you desire.
$\square 2$ Weeks Prior
$\square$ Finalize your shopping list.
$\square$ Make or purchase your centerpiece Buy candles, if needed.
$\square$ Verify dinner guests and what they are bringing (if anything).
$\square$ Place an order with your local bakery for rolls, pumpkin or other varieties of pies.
$\square$ Check your equipment, confirm you have enough for all your guests.
$\square 1$ Week Prior
$\square$ Do your grocery shopping a week ahead of time to help avoid the rush.
$\square$ Defrost your turkey (if it's frozen).
$\square$ Call any guests who have not responded.
$\square$ Make party costume or select outfit.
$\square 1$ Day Prior
$\square$ Clean your house.
$\square$ Decorate your house with holiday decorations.
$\square$ Settle on a seating arrangement and make place cards.
$\square$ Make and refrigerate any dishes that you can.
$\square$ Morning of Dinner
$\square$ Eat breakfast.
$\square$ Plan out and coordinate timing of dinner items so all are completed at the same time.
$\square$ Be sure to put the turkey in the oven early.
$\square$ Set the table.
$\square$ Dress in party outfit.
$\square$ When Dinner Begins
$\square$ Greet guests and invite them into your home.
$\square$ Lay out the food and beverages.
$\square$ Light candles.

