Happy THANKS Giving

3-4 weeks before

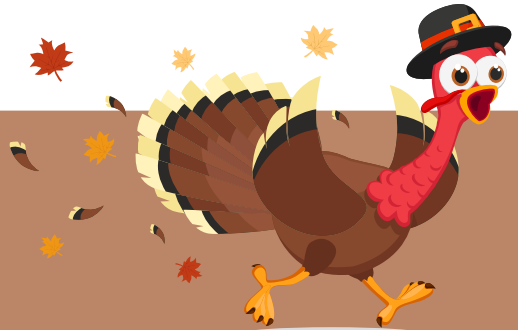
- ◯ Plan menu list from appetizers to desserts
- ◯ Start grocery list and keep it handy for additions
- ◯ Order turkey, if necessary
- ◯ Identify which items to delegate when guests ask what they can bring
- ◯ Determine guest list, and invite in plenty of time
- ◯ Remind guests to bring back last year's take away containers

2 weeks before

- ◯ Check spice cabinet and replenish as necessary
- ◯ Check condiments and basic ingredients (mayo, gravy flour, etc.) and add to grocery list
- ◯ Purchase non-perishable items during regular shopping trip
- ◯ Check stock of paper goods, foil, and wraps and take home containers
- ◯ Treat yourself to foil pans
- ◯ Plan kids activities

1 week before

- ◯ Declutter refrigerator and freezer to maximize space
- ◯ Shop for all non-perishable ingredients
- ◯ Make a cooking plan
- ◯ Deep clean house
- ◯ Begin thawing frozen turkey in refrigerator, if applicable



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3 days before

- ◯ Find all crockpots, roasting pans, electric knives, etc., and designate a spot for them
- ◯ Clean special occasion glasses and dishes
- ◯ Make room in coat closet for guests
- ◯ Stock up on take home containers for guests
- ◯ Pick up beer/wine and soft drinks

the day before

- ◯ Start list of tasks to delegate when people walk in and ask what they can help with (take coats, make drinks, be the candid photographer, put these chips in a bowl...)
- ◯ Clean bathrooms
- ◯ Buy ice
- ◯ Soften butter, cream cheese, etc., ahead of time, to avoid microwaving/melting
- ◯ Wash dishes/pans and load dishwasher as you go
- ◯ Prepare salads
- ◯ Peel and cut potatoes, soak in water
- ◯ Bake pies and desserts
- ◯ Arrange tables, seek out extra chairs
- ◯ Prepare appetizers
- ◯ Set tables

thanksgiving day

- ◯ Prep the turkey, roast in plenty of time to fully cook and let sit before carving
- ◯ Unload dishwasher to be ready as possible for meal cleanup
- ◯ Set up butter dishes, salt & peppers, etc.
- ◯ Delegate tasks
- ◯ Warm side dishes
- ◯ Enjoy your Thanksgiving meal and desserts!

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