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Thanksgiving Checklist



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3 Weeks Until Thanksgiving

- Deep clean your kitchen, especially the oven, fridge and freezer
- Clean the main areas the guests will be in.
- Having guests stay overnight clean: guest rooms and guest bathrooms.
- Declutter and organize your entryway and coat closet
- Create a guest list. When family and friends RSVP, ask about dietary restrictions and food allergies.
- Plan the big Turkey Day menu. Make it easy on yourself- have everyone bring a menu item. If you want to use a new recipe, test it ahead of time.
- Create a grocery shopping list. For easy shopping, organize and order the list into the sections of your local grocery store
- Purchase extra containers for leftovers. Foil casserole dishes allow guests to take home leftovers without having to worry about returning your dishes.
- If you plan to order a turkey or ham, call ahead and schedule your order now.
- Start buying the drinks

2 Weeks Until Turkey Day

- Shop for the non-perishable items on your grocery list.
- Gather serving dishes and assign each to a menu item with a Post-It note.
- Schedule an appointment with your hair stylist or nail salon the day before Thanksgiving.
- Inventory your tableware and glassware to ensure you have enough for each of your guests.
- If you need rent additional chairs, folding tables, serving dishes, warmers, or linens, call the party supply store and reserve your rental now.



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1 Week To Go Before Thanksgiving

- Calculate when you need to start thawing the turkey.
- Plan seating arrangements.
- Clear space in your refrigerator and freezer.
- Wipe down appliances, wash potholders and dish towels, clean trivets and glasses.
- Clean your coffee maker by running vinegar through it and then rinsing it twice with fresh water.
- Set the table or gather everything you'll need and place it near the table to make setting it the night before Thanksgiving as simple as possible.
- Prepare the brine for your turkey.
- Make or buy extra ice and store in the freezer.

2 Days Before Thanksgiving

- Chill the wine and champagne.
- Finish shopping for food and pick up all your orders from butchers, bakeries and specialty food shops.
- Fill the table's salt and pepper shakers.
- If you're brining your turkey, put the bird in the brine and keep chilled in the refrigerator.
- Prep ingredients for recipes.
- Prepare all the soups and desserts. Store in airtight containers.

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1 More Day To Go

- Make all the side dishes, including the stuffing, that can be prepared ahead of time.
- Spot clean the common areas of your home. Disinfect remote controls, phones, door handles and light switches. Empty trash bins.
- Create a serving area for beer, wine, mixed drinks, desserts and coffee.

Thanksgiving Day!

- Enjoy!**

Cleanup

- Let everyone who wants to pitch in help with cleanup.
- Clear the table, wash platters and return dishes to guests.
- Send guests home with leftovers
- Pack leftovers and store in the refrigerator.

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Meet Annie Kilbride Founder & President

Annie Kilbride is the proud owner of Life Simplified, LLC, a Professional Organizing Company. Annie's passion for getting organized is apparent from the first time you meet her. As a former critical care nurse, she applies her knowledge and ability to connect with others, utilizing her passion and talent to conquer your clutter! As a dedicated mother and wife, Annie's children and husband have been known to help with many jobs.

Annie & her team tackle projects both large and small. From closets, playrooms, storage areas, kitchens & basements, to downsizing & estate services; transforming your overwhelmed spaces into sanctuaries. Thanks to Annie's initiative Life Simplified has grown to include staging and moving services.

Annie has also donated her services to local fundraising events that help the community. She has had the gratifying experience of helping two local nonprofit organizations create an amazing donation center for the community in order to provide clothes and food that they would not otherwise have any access to. She has taught at the local community college & local adult school and had many speaking engagements. She has spoken on topics such as creating an organizational system for children's toys and clothing to downsizing strategies. Annie has even been flown to Key West to help a client, as well as, been interviewed several times on local radio and TV shows & been quoted in several different newspaper articles.

In addition to her organizational talents, Annie strives to educate others. Annie's team helps guide clients through many overwhelming and difficult life altering decision making processes with compassion and absolutely no judgment.

Annie & the Life Simplified Team go the extra mile—she will hang something on the wall, move furniture, pick up supplies, pack her car full of donations. She will even bring all your items to sell, back to her own home and arrange for all pick-ups from there! Annie will arrange for the electrician, handyman, junk man, movers, etc. and keep ALL of them on schedule!

Annie & her team are members of National Association of Productivity & Organizing Professionals, Real Estate Staging Association, National Association of Specialty & Senior Move Managers, SBO Partner Program & has been voted Best of the Main Line & Western Suburbs by Main Line Today.

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