



# 4TH OF JULY

## PARTY CHECKLIST

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

### 4-6 WEEKS OUT

Decide to have a bash! Pick a place, date and time, then spread the word. If the party's outside, come up with a rain contingency plan.

Do an inventory check to make sure you have enough napkins, plates, utensils, DIY supplies, chairs, tables, etc. If not, don't worry. We'll remind you to take care of this later.

### 3 WEEKS OUT

If you plan to order any of your party supplies online, get shopping.

Make sure your grill is clean and in working order.

### 2 WEEKS OUT

If you asked for RSVPs, check back with the people who haven't responded yet.

If you need extra utensils, tables or chairs, contact family members or friends who could hook you up, or find a rental place in your area.

Shop for DIY supplies, sparklers and yard games if you don't already have them.

Create a menu.

### 1 WEEK OUT

Grocery shop for your pantry-stable items and paper goods.

Map out a cooking schedule so you don't get stuck in a cooking marathon the morning of the party.

Put together a party playlist.

Tackle any DIY projects.

### A DAY OR TWO BEFORE

Run to the store for perishables. Don't forget the ice!

Clean the house and make sure your fridge has room for make-ahead dishes.

Mow the lawn and, if you're really ambitious, tidy up the garden.

Toss canned and bottled beverages into the fridge to chill overnight.

### THE MORNING OF

Set up and decorate the party area and game station.

Remember to set out trash and recycling bins.

Put the finishing touches on your recipes.

Charge your phone/camera.

### 30 MINUTES BEFORE

Set the table.

Get dishes ready to serve.

### 15 MINUTES BEFORE

Blast the music.

Light the grill.

Pour yourself a drink. You've got this!