

December Holiday Prep Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Relax...it will all get done...focus on small steps & savor the season.	Make new memories by adding the most important things to your calendar first!	Check over your gift list make a list of anything you are missing 1	Write out half the cards you plan to send 2	Mark off some blank time on your calendar to ensure you have time to catch up or relax 3	Place an envelope in your purse to hold gift receipts as you shop 4	Write out then mail the other half of the cards, & congratulate yourself on getting them done early 5
Swap out the boring white light bulb in your porch or outside light with a red or green bulb for a festive touch 6	Wrap, wrap and wrap some more – get all those gifts wrapped up 7	Choose a spot as the one place to put items you find that you'll need in a few days - like festive napkins. 8	Gather up your gift-wrapping supplies to ensure you have what you need including lots of tape and scissors 9	Make a list of those you plan to tip then get cash and make out the cards HANUKKAH 10	Pause, look around & take a deep breath – the holidays are happening – don't miss them 11	Plan out a menu including breakfast the day after 12
Choose recipes then make two shopping lists one perishable the other not 13	Have a holiday fashion show – choose and try on your day of outfit 14	Call someone you miss to wish them happy holidays 15	Choose a centerpiece and order it or get it ready 16	Catch up by starting or completing a task you've been putting off 17	Find table linens, kitchen tea towels and your apron 18	Shop for non-perishables 19
Do that “holiday thing” assemble a gingerbread house, try a craft or sip hot cocoa 20	Prep for opening gifts have zip top baggies to collect manuals, small items and gift cards 21	Shop for perishable foods including breakfast items 22	Pre-set the table, label serving bowls & spoons so you know what goes where 23	CHRISTMAS EVE 24	CHRISTMAS DAY 25	Download and share holiday photos KWANZAA 26
Catch up on an overdue chore like laundry 27	Update your address book now so you are ready for next year 28	Place gift cards in your wallet to remember to use them 29	Gather receipts for returns or exchanges 30	Choose a word or a theme to represent your 2021 31	Happy New Year!	
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Holiday Helplines

Butterball Turkey-Talk Line
800-288-8372 (1-800-BUTTERBALL)

Betty Crocker Hotline
888-Ask-Betty

Shady Brook Farms Turkey
888-723-4468

Fleischmann's Baker Hotline
800-777-4959

Reynold's (baking roasting cooking)
800-745-4000

Land O' Lakes
800-782-9606

The Crisco Pie Hotline
877-367-7438

Ocean Spray (cranberry questions)
800-662-3263

Nestle Hotline
800-637-8537

Clorox Hotline (stains)
877-STAIN-411

10 Most often forgotten grocery items

1. Breakfast (day after the holiday)
2. Aluminum foil
3. Clear cling wrap
4. Butter (serving, cooking, potatoes, rolls, deserts)
5. Cool whip (for pie)
6. Snacks
7. Sandwich fixings for leftovers: buns, lettuce, tomato, mayo
8. Clear wrapping tape
9. Batteries
10. Festive light bulb (red/green/blue = instant front door décor)

Holiday tipping cheat sheet

- Assistant gift or gift card valued at \$50+
- Babysitter equivalent to one night's pay and a little gift from your child
- Boss chip in with co-workers to buy a restaurant gift card
- Cleaning lady up to one week's pay and/or a gift
- Day-care staff \$25 to \$100 with a handwritten note/little personal gift
- Dog walker one week's pay and/or a gift
- Doorman/elevator operator/building Superintendent \$50-\$100
- Hairstylist/manicurist/barber the cost of one visit
- Home health employees/private nurse up to \$25
- Landscaper/gardener/handyman \$25-\$50
- Letter carrier up to \$20
- Massage therapist up to one session's fee
- Nanny/au pair up to one week's pay
- Newspaper carrier \$10-\$30
- Nursing home employees a food type gift to share among the staff
- Package courier up to \$75 (more is usually prohibited)
- Personal trainer/yoga instructor up to one session's fee
- Pet groomer equivalent to the price of one session
- Pool cleaners the price of one cleaning for a "regular crew"
- Teacher/tutor up to \$25 with a handwritten note
- Trash/recycling collectors \$10-\$40