



## 4 Weeks Before

Purchase all non-perishable groceries needed.

Begin decorating the home. *Check out our [Christmas Decorations page](#) for tips and tricks for decorating your home on a budget!*

Finalize menus.

## 3 Weeks Before

Decorate for Christmas.

Prepare bread for stuffing and freeze.

Prepare cranberry sauce and freeze.

## 2 Weeks Before

Order fresh turkey or estimate thawing time of frozen turkey. *For additional guidance see our [How to Buy and Store Turkey page](#) and [Best Way to Thaw Turkey page](#).*

Sharpen knives. *Learn how to safely sharpen a knife on our [YouTube Channel](#).*

Prepare and freeze make ahead dishes including dessert. *Need some ideas? Check out our [Entertaining Recipes on our website](#).*

Decorate tree if it has not been done already. *For decorating tips and ideas, visit our [Christmas Decoration page](#).*

Clean house.

Bring out serving pieces, china, glassware, etc.

Reorganize refrigerator for extra space.

## A Week Before

Buy perishables.

Do a final housecleaning.

Put nuts and candy into serving dishes. Cover and store.

## Two Days Before

Put condiments into serving dishes. Refrigerate.

Wash and prepare salad greens.

Thaw frozen food for Christmas menu in refrigerator.

Set table with flatware, napkins, wine glasses, water

## The Day Before

Prepare dressing ingredients in separate packets and keep refrigerated.

Combine punch ingredients except for carbonated ingredients.

Prepare soup or other starters and refrigerate.

Combine and refrigerate any overnight breakfast dishes or stratas, coffee cakes or sweet rolls.

Touch up the house.