



4th of July Cookout Planning

Menu

7-layer Mexican dip
Chips
Vegetable dip
Vegetable tray
Fruit salad
Assorted chips
Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Hamburger/hotdog buns
Sandwich sides (lettuce, tomatoes)
Mayo
Ketchup
Mustard
Pickles
Cake - 4th of July
Cookies
Assorted sodas
Water bottles

Grocery list

Ingredients for Mexican dip
2 large bags Tostados chips
3 bags assorted chips
Vegetable dip
Carrots
Celery
Cucumber
Grape tomatoes
Pineapple
Grapes
Strawberries
Cantaloupe
Romaine lettuce
3 tomatoes
Pickles
Order cake at deli
Cookies
Sodas
Water
Condiments if needed

Grocery list (last minute)

Ice
Hamburger/hotdog buns
Hamburgers
Hotdogs
Cake - ordered

Decorations Store

4th of July plates
napkins
cups
table decorations
table cover for food table
plastic ware

Activities

Burn a CD of music
Set up volleyball net

Other Resources

[4th of July cake](#)

[July 4th ideas for decorating and cooking](#)

[4th of July crafts for kids](#)

For more party tips and plans go to:
www.SimpleHomeOrganization.com



4th of July Cookout Schedule

Day 3	Day 2	Day 1	Party Day
<p>Plan the menu</p> <p>Make grocery list</p> <p>Create the decorations shopping list</p> <p>Plan activities</p>	<p>Get activities prepared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • burn CD • Volleyball net setup <p>Grocery store</p> <p>Party store</p>	<p>Clean house</p> <p>Assemble any Decorations, if necessary.</p> <p>Have all cups, plates, etc. stacked together ready to grab and set up tomorrow.</p> <p>Locate all serving plates, bowls, etc. that you will need so they are ready.</p> <p>Food preparation in advance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetable tray • Fruit salad • 7-layer dip • Cookies 	<p>Early morning: Last minute shopping trip to the grocery store.</p> <p><i>No last-minute cooking, since it was all done yesterday.</i></p> <p>Late morning: Fill coolers with ice and drinks so they are cold by party time.</p> <p>Make hamburger meat into patties if not already done.</p> <p>TIME TO RELAX</p> <p>2 hours before: Decorate outside table</p> <p>Final hour: Put out food Look over menu list so you don't forget anything.</p> <p>Start up the grill.</p> <p>ENJOY THE PARTY!</p>