



3 Weeks Out

- ❖ Order hams, specialty meats, seafood and deli items from retailers.
- ❖ Send Christmas cards
- ❖ Finalise gift list and budget
- ❖ Wrap presents as you purchase them, remember the gift tag
- ❖ Hunt out the Christmas tree and decorations, check for breakages. Have fun decorating your tree
- ❖ Check your supply of wrapping paper, gift tags, batteries for gifts. Remember the sticky tape
- ❖ Confirm Christmas guest list numbers and any special dietary requirements

1-2 Weeks Out

- ❖ Check Christmas dinnerware to ensure numbers and completeness
- ❖ Finalise menu including drinks, nibbles and even napkins
- ❖ Check pantry supplies for the little things, herbs, spices, toothpicks, ice cube trays
- ❖ Write your Shopping List (don't forget consumables like toilet paper)
- ❖ Arrange your shopping list by days to purchase. Non perishables early, seafood as close to Christmas Day as possible.
- ❖ Record the arrival time for any guests coming from out of town
- ❖ Purchase those final gifts

1-2 Days Out

- ❖ Wrap final presents. Hide the ones from Santa
- ❖ Prepare guest rooms. Scented candles make a nice touch
- ❖ Put drinks in spare fridge or eskies. Prepare plastic tubs ready for ice if fridge space is short.
- ❖ Purchase and store fresh produce.
- ❖ Arrange recipes on a time line and cook the "do ahead" items
- ❖ Assign jobs for family and visitors. They will love contributing to the celebrations and a little help can be a blessing
- ❖ Pour yourself some Christmas cheer, relax, focus on being with family and friends and most of all - enjoy this special time

