

# THE ULTIMATE PREPPERS COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CHECKLIST

## THE CHRISTMAS LEAD-UP

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| 4 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Order seafood   |
| 4 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Buy your brandy for the Chrissy pudding at First Choice before it sells out     |
| 4 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pick up your real Christmas tree  |
| 4 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Decorate the tree   |
| 3 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Find out who is coming - Initial invites  |
| 3 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Order any specialty meats   |
| 3 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Buy Christmas presents  |
| 3 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Make your Chrissy pudding and freeze  |
| 2 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stock up on wrapping paper, ribbon scissors and tape                            |
| 2 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Do your big shop at First Choice: Booze and Chrissy drinks                      |
| 2 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Organise who is picking up grandparents from home                               |
| 2 WEEKS OUT       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Organise who is doing pick ups from airport                                     |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vacuum and tidy ahead of the day  |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Buy a simple breakfast to prepare for Christmas morning – eg fruit and yoghurt. |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Find out who is coming - final numbers  |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Do your big shop at Coles: Food   |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get plastic plates or cups so you can to save on dishes                         |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wrap presents   |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | String up the lights  |
| WEEK BEFORE       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pick up your specialty meats and freeze   |
| A FEW DAYS BEFORE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Seating arrangement   |
| A FEW DAYS BEFORE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Do your washing to keep the laundry free for extra storage                      |
| A FEW DAYS BEFORE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Move extra slabs out to the tidied up garage. Stock the bar fridge              |
| A FEW DAYS BEFORE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Clear out the fridge for food space   |

**TIP: HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE IN THE OVEN?**  
Turkey: 2-4 hours depending on size  
Chicken: 1.5 hours  
Ham: 2 hours

## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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| Pick up your seafood  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6AM     |
| Avoid the rush. Get the last minute shopping done at Coles and First Choice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10.30AM |
| Buy ice   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11:30AM |
| Set up any big tables and seating   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3PM     |
| Defrost the meat  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 5PM     |
| Prepare vegetables for Christmas lunch                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 5PM     |
| Cook and eat dinner   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6PM     |
| Visit local streets with lights   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 7PM     |
| Put out snacks for Santa  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 8PM     |
| Cosy up in front of the TV with the family                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 9PM     |
| Let the kids open a present early so they aren't tempted                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10PM    |
| Read the kids The Night Before Christmas by Henry Livingston, Jr.           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11PM    |
| Keep the kids up late so they sleep in                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11PM    |
| Set your alarm  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11.15PM |
| Go to bed at a reasonable time  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11.15PM |

**TIP: BROKEN UP ICE MELTS FASTER**

Don't break up your ice until you're ready to use it.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

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| 7AM     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ban the kids from waking you before 7am  |
| 8AM     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Have brekky  |
| 8.30AM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Take the dog for a walk  |
| 9.15AM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get personal grooming out of the way   |
| 10.30AM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get the drinks chilling in some ice  |
| 11AM    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Play Christmas tunes to set the mood   |
| 11AM    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Set the table  |
| 11AM    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get the meat in the oven   |
| 11.30AM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Start preparing salads   |
| 11.45AM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pick up grandparents or family from airport  |
| 12PM    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Put out the pre-lunch snacks   |
| 12PM    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Put the BBQ on   |
| 12.30PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lay out the seafood  |
| 12.30PM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Guests arrive  |
| 1PM     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get the first load of dishes in the dishwasher                                       |
| 1PM     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Serve lunch  |
| 1.30PM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Top up the beers in the fridge   |
| 1.40PM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get the second load of dishes going  |
| 1.50PM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get a garbage bag ready for present time so there's not rubbish all over your house. |
| 2PM     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Do presents  |
| 2.20PM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Heat brandy in saucepan  |
| 2.30PM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Light the pudding and serve  |
| 2.45PM  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Guests start to leave  |
| 3PM     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Get the third load of dishes going   |

**TIP: FORGOT TO CHILL BEERS?**

Put them in the freezer and set a timer for 20 mins (warning: beer expands if left too long in the freezer)

**TIP: DON'T TRY TO DO EVERYTHING**

Try to get someone else to do pick-ups, so you aren't trying to fit it in on the day

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR