



# Fun Beyond The Food

## Quick tips for backyard grilling success:

- Set up about two hours ahead of time.
- Make sure you have enough food.
- Have guests take part in contests or games.
- Keep the children entertained.
- Allow plenty of time for cleanup.



## Prep and Planning

How much food and preparation is necessary and how many activities you should plan depends, of course, on the number of people at the barbecue. While these tips are geared for a crowd of about a dozen, you can scale up or down as needed. But remember, the more the merrier!

- Don't try to organize everything by yourself. Talk to friends and family first. Get them enthusiastic so they'll be eager to join in and help with the preparation.
- Get an accurate attendance count well before the event so you'll know how much food and drink you'll need.
- Set up an hour or two ahead of time to be sure you have enough grills, charcoal, tables, etc.





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- Simple touches like a classic red-and-white checkered tablecloth can create a lively, festive atmosphere.
- Have a barbecue sauce contest. Everyone brings a sample of their favorite concoction. Winner gets a prize and all can share their recipes.
- Serve spring vegetables! Asparagus and sweet corn are great for grilling; peas and green beans are delicious in salads.
- Plan on having enough food for one and a half persons for every person in attendance.
- Appoint someone to be in charge of watching and entertaining children.
- Explore nature! Look around the yard and see how many different animals you can spot, including creepy crawlies. Longest list wins a prize.
- Play horseshoes, set up the croquet set or put up the badminton net. Play singles and teams and give prizes to the winners.
- Have fun on the sidewalk or driveway. Let the kids get creative with colored chalk. Or play a game of hopscotch.
- Allow plenty of time for cleanup. Get the children involved, too, by making it a game or contest with prizes.



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