

Thanksgiving Countdown Checklist 2026

US Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 26, 2026 (the fourth Thursday of November). "Days left" counts calendar days to Thanksgiving from each date. Use the last column to write who owns each task.

DONE	DATE	DAYS LEFT	TASK	WHO
☐	Nov 12 Thu	14	Confirm the guest list and final headcount. Note allergies and dietary needs.	
☐	Nov 13 Fri	13	Decide the menu dish by dish and who brings what.	
☐	Nov 14 Sat	12	Count seats, tables, plates, glasses and serving dishes. Borrow or rent what's missing.	
☐	Nov 15 Sun	11	Travel check: who is coming from where, arrival times, airport pickups and parking.	
☐	Nov 16 Mon	10	Order or reserve the main dish and any bakery items. Write the pickup dates down.	
☐	Nov 17 Tue	9	Make the master shopping list, split into shelf-stable and fresh items.	
☐	Nov 18 Wed	8	Hand out jobs: setup, drinks, kids' table, carving, cleanup and dishes.	
☐	Nov 19 Thu	7	One week out: buy shelf-stable food, drinks, paper goods, foil and containers.	
☐	Nov 20 Fri	6	Get guest sleeping spots ready: bedding, towels, a Wi-Fi card.	
☐	Nov 21 Sat	5	Clean the main rooms, clear fridge space and set up extra seating.	
☐	Nov 22 Sun	4	Send a reminder: time, address, parking and what each person is bringing.	
☐	Nov 23 Mon	3	Buy fresh items. Confirm order pickups.	
☐	Nov 24 Tue	2	Set the table or buffet layout. Label each serving dish with a sticky note.	
☐	Nov 25 Wed	1	Busy travel day: pick up orders, charge devices, keep dinner simple.	
☐	Nov 26 Thu	0	Thanksgiving Day: one person keeps time, everyone else enjoys the meal.	