

Thanksgiving Dinner Guest List

Time to arrive _____

Eat at _____

Yes / No / ? for Coming

✓ A=Adult

✓ C=Child under 13

✓ B=Baby under 2

If there are 2 adults coming from the family, I usually put a 2 under the A column for counting purposes.

(I usually list teens / young adults separately. Sometimes they'll have other plans.)

Guest	Yes / No / ?	Special Dietary Needs?	A	C	B
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2					
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4					
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Total # Adults 13+ Attending _____

Total # Children <13 Attending _____

Total # Babies Attending _____

Total Guest Count _____

of guests that might arrive after dinner (dessert for them?) _____

Will you send formal Thanksgiving Dinner invitations (mail a month in advance) or invite by phone?

- A phone call is more personal. Call a few weeks in advance.

Let your guest know what time to arrive and that you plan to eat very shortly after they arrive (within 15 minutes or so).

- Guests always wonder before hand should they eat a little something before they arrive, what about feeding kids before hand in case dinner will be later than expected.
- It's just good policy to let them know so they can prepare however they need to. Also, some guests may need to take medicine a certain amount of time before they eat. This will help in their planning.

Do you want guests to bring something (a main dish, drinks, dessert, folding chairs, etc.)?

- Decide in advance of inviting.
- Delegate according to what they can handle. If someone always runs late – if they are to bring something, make it dessert or something that won't be needed right away for the comfort of the other guests and avoid embarrassing moments/anxiety for everyone.
- I almost always have guests bring extra folding chairs because you never know when you'll end up with extra guests. Card table folding chairs work perfectly.