

# Essential Picnic Checklist

Follow this outdoor dining checklist and you'll be the best-prepared picnicker at the beach or park.



## For Toting and Seating:

- Picnic basket or canvas bag
- Picnic blanket (preferably waterproof on the bottom)
- Portable picnic table (if that's the kind of picnic you're having!)
- Cooler
- Picnic chairs (if anyone in your group is not happy on the ground)

## For Serving:

- Plates
- Napkins
- Drinks (including lots of water)
- Cutting board (also useful as a level serving surface, perfect for drinks)
- Salt and pepper
- Utensils (including serving utensils)
- Cups
- Bottle opener
- Sharp knife (even if you don't plan to cut things, it's still a good idea)
- Mustard, mayo, ketchup, etc., if needed (a great way to make use of extra packets from a takeout place)

## For Cleanup:

- Paper towels (and maybe wet wipes)
- A couple of dishtowels (always handy, and useful to buffer

and support dishes in transport)

Extra plastic containers or sturdy zipper-top bags for packing up dirty utensils, leftovers, etc.

Trash bags

### Other Essentials:

Sunscreen

Hats

Insect repellent

Flashlight (if you plan to be out into the evening hours)

Sport or activity equipment (Frisbees, balls, bubbles, water guns ... whatever the crowd likes)

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