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	Cooler
Picnic blanket (preferably waterproof on the bottom)	Picnic chairs (if anyone in your group is not happy on the ground)
Portable picnic table (if that's the kind of picnic you're having!)	
For Serving:	
Plates	Utensils (including serving utensils)
Napkins	Cups
Drinks (including lots of water)	Bottle opener
Cutting board (also useful as a level serving surface, perfect for drinks)	Sharp knife (even if you don't plan to cut things, it's still a good idea)
Salt and pepper	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)	Make and Share Free Checklists

checkli.com