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**10 ESSENTIALS FOR HOSTING
THE PERFECT GRILL OUT**



A group of men are gathered around a grill outdoors. One man in the foreground is talking on a flip phone. Another man in the background is giving a thumbs up. The grill is cooking burgers and corn, with a large plume of smoke rising from it. A large white number '1.' is visible on the right side of the image.

CHOOSE INVITE LIST, DATE & TIME

The perfect grill out really means you get to enjoy great food with a fun group of people.

Create a private facebook event or use a free online invitation service like [Evite!](#) It's a simple way to invite all your friends and ensure they receive reminders for your upcoming event!

Remember to think about your friends' work schedules and family activities before you decide on a date and time. You don't want softball games or vacations to keep your friends from attending your party.



PREP YOUR GRILLING STATION

You haven't used your grill in a while, so it's time to get it out of your Cook shed and prep it for the big grill out!

Be sure to check the hose and propane level if you use gas. Also, clean it really well, especially the grease trap. [Read more about preparing your grill here.](#)

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PLAN THE MENU

The central theme of a grill out is the food! Whether on a gas grill or cooked over charcoal, here's an easy menu everyone will love!

Beef or Chicken Skewers: Beef and veggies together! Everyone will love these skewers.

Grilled Corn on the Cob: Visit your local farmer's market for fresh corn, which will just taste even better on the grill!

Grape salad: This is more sweet, than healthy, but everyone will enjoy this cool side dish on a hot evening.

S'mores of course!

Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert: You can't go wrong with this dessert. It only takes a few minutes to prepare, easy to serve and everyone will enjoy it!

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CREATE A PARTY LAYOUT

Decide where your tables, chairs and grilling station will all be and draw it out, so you know exactly where everything needs to go the day of the party.

Will you have a large group of kids? Think about creating a kids “safe zone”, so they don’t get too near the grill.

Also, plan out where your dishes will be displayed. Will you have all the food inside or outside? Will anyone be bringing dishes? Be sure to leave room for their dishes when they arrive.

4.

CHOOSE AGE APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES OR GAMES

Think about who you will be inviting and then choose fun activities.

Will there be children? You may try some of these ideas for [creating a backyard adventure](#). You could host an outdoor movie night or create a fun obstacle course to keep them occupied while you enjoy time with your friends.

If it's just adults, have a cornhole tournament, set up karaoke or lip sync stage, or keep it sophisticated by having a water gun fight!



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GATHER SUPPLIES

Make sure you have all the needed supplies so you don't panic the day of the party. Here's a quick list of items that are easily forgotten:

1. **Fire Extinguisher:** Whenever you're cooking, whether inside or outside, you want to make sure you have a fire extinguisher close by. If you decide to use a fire pit, make sure you have a pail of water nearby, just in case.
2. **Chimney starter:** If you're using a charcoal grill, this is sure to make your grill out easier!
3. **Propane:** If you have a gas grill, make sure your propane tank is filled before you begin grilling. Be sure to learn about propane safety before you begin!
4. **Mesh food covers:** Don't let bugs get on your food! Food covers will help everyone see what's for dinner without bugs enjoying it too. If you forget, use tinfoil or even a light weight tea towel to cover your food.
5. **Condiments:** This can be easy to forget, especially if you only ever use ketchup and nothing else. Ask your guests what they use so you're sure to pick up exactly what they like.



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CLEAN UP YOUR LANDSCAPE

First, take a look at your landscape and see if there are any obstacles someone could stumble over. Try to make it a safe environment for friends to enjoy after the sun goes down.

To ensure bugs don't damper your party atmosphere, be sure to have bug spray on hand for guests. But you can also help keep bugs at bay across your backyard. Rid your space of standing water, such as water in a pan set under plants. As an added precaution, purchase backyard sprays to cover your entire party space. Be sure to read the instructions before you spray and ensure it's safe for all your guests.

Want to make s'mores or have the kids cook their own hotdogs on the fire? Then build a fire pit! Here's how to add one to your landscape.

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DECORATE

Make the party your own with a unique table set-up. Add a table setting, table runner, centerpiece, glassware, napkins and flowers. Create your own theme and carry it through the entire space.

Shake off those muted tones of winter and embrace the bright colors of spring. Also, think about adding fun touches like name plates or favors for the guests to take home. Check out these simple and adorable [ideas for party favors](#).

Remember to add the right lighting! Strategically placed candles, Tiki torches or lanterns can provide just the right touch of light and add ambiance to your backyard. Another way to light up the night and help keep the bugs away is adding a fire pit.

Also, make sure you have enough chairs for everyone. Add benches, lawn chairs and outdoor rugs and pillows to allow guests plenty of room to lounge.

8.

CHOOSE A FUN PLAYLIST

We've made this one easy for you! [You can listen to our Spotify "Perfect Grill Out" Playlist here](#), with 50 songs to help you enjoy the sounds of summer. You can also purchase your favorite songs from the list to add to your own playlist.

Perfect Grill Out Playlist

Oh, Carolina Need To Breathe	Song of a Preacher Man Dusty Springfield	Beautiful Day U2
Can't stop the Feeling! Justin Timberlake	Don't Stop Fleetwood Mac	Shut Up & Dance Walk the Moon
I Will Wait Mumford & Sons	Brown Eyed Girl Van Morrison	Good Feeling Flo Rida
Windows are Rolled Down Amos Lee	Dance, Dance, Dance The Beach Boys	Do you Remember/Remember Jack Johnson
Summer Breeze Seals and Crofts	Who Did You Think I Was John Mayer Trio	Sweet Home Alabama Lynyrd Skynyrd
Cruise Florida Georgia Line	Sunshine Vertical Horizon	Centerfield John Fogerty
Home Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros	Mambo No. 5 Lou Bega	My Sharona The Knack
Marianne Mipso	Ice Ice Baby Vanilla Ice	Born to be Wild Steppenwolf
Barcelona George Ezra	This Will Be Our Year The Zombies	Smoke on the Water Deep Purple
Budapest George Ezra	Party in the U.S.A. Miley Cyrus	Lullaby Shawn Mullins
This is How We Roll Florida Georgia Line	All Summer Long The Beach Boys	Home Phillips Phillips
I Don't Want to Be Gavin DeGraw	All Summer Long Kid Rock	One Headlight The Wallflowers
Chariot Gavin DeGraw	Kokomo The Beach Boys	Wagon Wheel Old Crow Medicine Show
Fortunate Son Creedence Clearwater Revival	Margaritaville Jimmy Buffett	Sweet Emotion The Kooks
Day Tripper The Beatles	Some Beach Blake Shelton	Great Night (feat. Shovels & Rope) Need To Breathe
Chicken Fried Zac Brown Band	Pontoon Little Big Town	Ocean - LIVE John Butler Trio
Life In the Fast Lane Eagles	Summertime Kenny Chesney	

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A group of diverse friends are gathered around a table outdoors at night, enjoying a meal. The table is set with plates of food, including corn on the cob, bread, and a salad. There are also bottles of wine and water. The background is filled with purple flowers and a string of colorful, glowing paper lanterns hangs above the group. A man in a bright yellow shirt is smiling and looking down at something in his hands. A woman with long blonde hair is on the right, and a woman in a pink floral dress is on the left. The overall atmosphere is warm and festive.

PREPARE, COOK AND HAVE A GREAT NIGHT!

You've worked hard to make this night a success, but don't forget to enjoy it! Clean up can wait until the next day. Take time to enjoy time with your friends, cooking them tasty food and enjoy great conversation.

Cook sheds are versatile and make a great home base for your outdoor parties. [Contact us](#) if you'd like to learn more about adding one to your landscape!

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