

## SETTING THE SCENE: PARTY THEMES, FAVORS AND DÉCOR

The most memorable parties often have a theme or a “look.” You don’t have to spend a lot to dazzle a crowd!

- 1. Pick a color.** Purchase napkins, plates, disposable cutlery, and balloons within this color scheme for a polished party look!
- 2. Choose a Theme.** Theme parties are always fun! Ask guests to dress the part, or greet them at the door with a themed accessory to wear. Everyone will be mingling in no time with these conversation starters.
- 3. Plan ahead for music.** Make a few mix CDs or create a party play list on your mp3 player.
- 4. Give guests a ‘little something’ to remember the occasion by.** Party favors need more creativity than cash, and you never know what you’ll find at MaineSource!



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## PRE-PLAN FOR THE PERFECT PARTY.

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What you serve at a party reflects directly on you. Make a great impression on your guests with restaurant quality food (at warehouse prices) from MaineSource Food & Party Warehouse!

We have everything you need to entertain, including the food, beverages, party supplies and decor. MaineSource Food & Party Warehouse is your one-stop shop for entertaining. We've also gathered tips to help you plan the perfect party:

## Drink Up! Beverage Planning

Keep your environment and guests in mind when planning for drinks. Follow these guidelines:

- Guests will want ice-cold options on hot days and for sunny outdoor events. Bottled water is a must!
- Chilly nights call for warm mugs of seasonal favorites. Think speciality coffee drinks, a selection of teas, hot mulled cider or adding a bit of "good cheer" to an everyday favorite.
- Got kids on the invite list? Be sure to have some juice boxes or a pitcher of something fun with small cups for the younger set.
- Figure 10 people to the gallon when it comes to punch. That's a conservative estimate, assuming your guests will drink about three four ounce servings during the party.
- Serving adult beverages? Be a responsible host, don't let your guests drink and drive.
- From beer to bottled water, and everything in between, MaineSource Food & Party Warehouse has what you need for your next event, all under one roof.



## Food Planning Entertain with Confidence

For many, the toughest hosting challenge is deciding what food to serve and in what quantity. Many factors come into play when deciding this: the length of your party, the type of food, and the time of your party.

Here are some things to consider:

- The first thing to consider is your overall menu: You'll need far fewer appetizers if you're serving a meal during the party. **Estimate five appetizers per person, per hour before the meal is served.**
- Without a main meal, guests will consume 10 hors d'oeuvres per person, per hour for the first hour and five per person, per hour for each additional hour. **So for a three-hour long party with 10 people, you will need to prepare about 200 appetizers.**
- People are naturally hungry at dinner time! For dinner hour parties which don't include a meal, **estimate about 14 appetizers per guest, per hour.** Heartier appetizers should be favored when holding a party that will span over a mealtime.
- Anticipate which food selections will be most popular and serve more of those! For example, **shellfish appetizers are always popular**, so serve as many as your budget allows.
- As a rule of thumb, always have extra appetizers on hand. If you need them you can cook them quickly, and if you don't, they will make a nice addition to a meal for your family when the party is long over.
- Check out the amazing selection of prepared appetizers in the freezer section at MaineSource Food & Party Warehouse.



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- The more choices you offer, the smaller your calculation of individual portion size should be. Your guests will probably taste everything on a buffet, but the tastes will be small.
- If you end up with a lot of food left over, it's always a nice gesture to send your guests home with a plate of appetizers that they can reheat and enjoy the next day!
- Stock up on plasticware or paper plates and plastic wrap to package up the leftovers. It's all at MaineSource Food & Party Warehouse.

## Party Platters A HUGE Time Saver!

Whether you're hosting an intimate dinner party or a huge bash, let MaineSource Food & Party Warehouse help out with a party platter. Choose from a variety of shrimp, meat and cheese, vegetable and fruit trays. Just remove the lid, and serve!