



Mother's Day Planning Checklist

Cards

- Buy Cards** — Buy cards, ideally well before Sunday, to get a card well suited to Mom.
- Make Cards** — If any of the kids are making cards, remind them and help them if necessary.
- Sign Cards** — Get the whole family to sign the cards for Mom by Saturday, latest.

Flowers

- Flowers** — Flowers sell fast around Mother's Day. Buy or order a day or two in advance. Pre-order if picking up yourself.

Gifts

- Shop & Order Early** — Gifts bought online or through a catalog take time to ship. Order 2-4 weeks ahead.
- Wrap Gifts** — Wrap gifts and attach cards ahead of time. For added impact, place Mom's gifts in the living room for Mother's Day morning.
- Write Poem** — Avoid struggling over it last minute. Give yourself plenty of time.

Activities Out

- Make Reservations** — Restaurants see more business on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. Resorts, amusement parks, hotels and bed & breakfasts also fill up fast. Make your reservations at least a week in advance, preferably 2-4 weeks.
- Buy Tickets** — Any event on Mother's Day will probably be well attended. If you plan on taking in a play, concert or sporting event, make sure to purchase tickets in advance.
- Fill up the Tank** — As a courtesy to Mom and the rest of the family, make sure the gas tank is full.
- Check the Weather** — Outdoor plans may have to be diverted indoors before a cold and cloudy forecast. Have alternate plans in mind.





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Activities at Home

Groceries — If cooking for Mom, make sure the refrigerator is stocked with the proper ingredients the day before. If you have a surprise for the meal, like chocolate or some other specialty item, hide it away and keep it as a surprise.

Family Members

Check In with the Family — If planning to visit relatives, be courteous by calling a day or two before Mother's Day, to let them know your arrival time, and ask again if there's anything else you can bring. Even with plans that involve the immediate family, make sure everyone will be able to attend on time.

Kids - Finish Homework — Minimize any potential worries that might get in the way of a fun and carefree Mother's Day.

General Preparation

Cameras Ready — You will probably want pictures to remember the day, so have the camera charged and ready.

For More Help With Mother's Day Planning, visit <http://www.MothersDayCentral.com/> on the Web!

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