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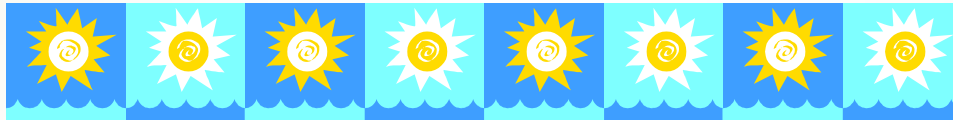
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*Service With an Old-Fashioned Touch*

## A SUMMERTIME GUIDE TO OPEN-AIR ENTERTAINING

Whether you're grilling steaks for family and friends, or hosting a party for a crowd, here are some simple ideas and tips to make your outdoor gathering colorful, easy, safe and fun.

- Serve plenty of water since alcoholic and caffeinated beverages can dehydrate guests quickly in the heat. (Freeze some of the bottles ahead of time, and they'll help keep the ice chest cool while they thaw.)
- Light up the party area with clear miniature lights. String them from trees, arrange them on the buffet table, and even lay them on the ground in flowerbeds
- Hurricane lanterns and candles in glass jars will stay lit if it's breezy, and make excellent centerpieces.
- If you're cooking for a crowd, borrow a second grill, then enlist the aid of another outdoor chef to help you manage the quantity.
- Have insect repellent, sunscreen and the proper treatment for bee stings and bug bites on hand.
- Terra-cotta flowerpots and galvanized tins can hold everything from pretzels and chips to veggies or breadsticks. Just line with a bright towel or napkin.
- Stock drinks in a copper or metal tub, a wheelbarrow or a kiddie pool full of ice.
- Keep a buffet salad cool by placing the bowl into a larger bowl of ice. Toss often.
- Don't use paper napkins if it's windy. Set out a roll of paper towels instead.



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### Sugared Nuts

- ◻ 2 cups light brown sugar
- ◻ 2 tsp vanilla
- ◻ 1 cup granulated sugar
- ◻ 1 cup pecans
- ◻ 1 cup sour cream
- ◻ 2 cups walnuts
- ◻ 1 cup unblanched almonds

◻ Combine sugars, sour cream and vanilla in a large sauce pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring until sugars melt. ◻ Continue cooking without stirring (it will turn to sugar if ◻ stirred). Let it reach 238 degrees on candy thermometer ◻ (or until a small amount dropped into cold water makes a ◻ small ball). Remove from heat. Stir in nuts gently until all ◻ meats are covered. Spread on wax paper until dry. Sepa- ◻ rate nuts with a fork. Makes about 3 pounds.

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