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Preparing for the Best Tailgate Party

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Tailgating before a football game, or any sporting event is the most enjoyable party a person could have besides having fun at home. There are many preparations that have to be done before going out and having a good time. The preparations can sometimes be time consuming, such as shopping, reserving a spot to sit, and preparing a meal, but these things are very essential to having a successful tailgating party.

Taking the first step to having a successful party is shopping! Shopping can be very tedious job; one can't buy too much, or too little of the meal items. While shopping and picking up menu items and ingredients, one must think about if there will be kids coming to the party or if it will be all adults, and plan the food according to the guests. This is a hard task to do to meet all guests' expectations for what is being prepared for them.

Reserving a spot for the game can sometimes be compared to a pleasant hunt, unless the right spot has already been previously picked out, or it has been rented out in previous years. It is always a good idea to call ahead to make sure the spot is still secured in the right name and that any guests are taken care of before the game. Always make sure what size space is available for the party and set up accordingly.

The next thing is to drive home and start preparing the meal. Preparing the meal is time consuming and can take up to five hours. It is usually better to prepare the meal the night before the big game, so that way there is no stressing out the next morning. Putting the meal in re-heatable containers to set out on the tables works well so that people at the party are not trying to cook. It will be a more enjoyable party that way. Make sure to grab the utensils that were used to cook with so they will be more accessible.

Sitting at the house watching a game is fun, but getting to be outside at a place and talking with friends and sometimes even strangers makes for an enjoyable experience. Putting time and effort into the party gives pride and is more meaningful altogether. That's why having a tailgating party is so much fun! It does take hard work and dedication to have a party at every home game, but with the right kind of support, it can be done. Tailgating is like a present; the anticipation just kills us to open it.