

# The Kitchen Experience

STYLE AND GUEST USE BEST PRACTICES

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guide for creating  
a functional  
kitchen for your  
rental. We're so  
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# Our Kitchen Philosophy

**THE KITCHEN SHOULD FEEL READY,  
INTUITIVE, AND GENEROUS.**

Guests should never feel like they are rationing dishes or waiting to reuse items. These recommendations focus on how guests actually use kitchens during short stays, long weekends, holidays, and celebrations.

Studios should be stocked at approximately two times max occupancy due to limited storage and higher turnover friction. One bedroom and larger homes should generally be stocked at approximately one and a half times max occupancy, rounding up where it makes sense for real use.

Abundance should feel calm, not cluttered.



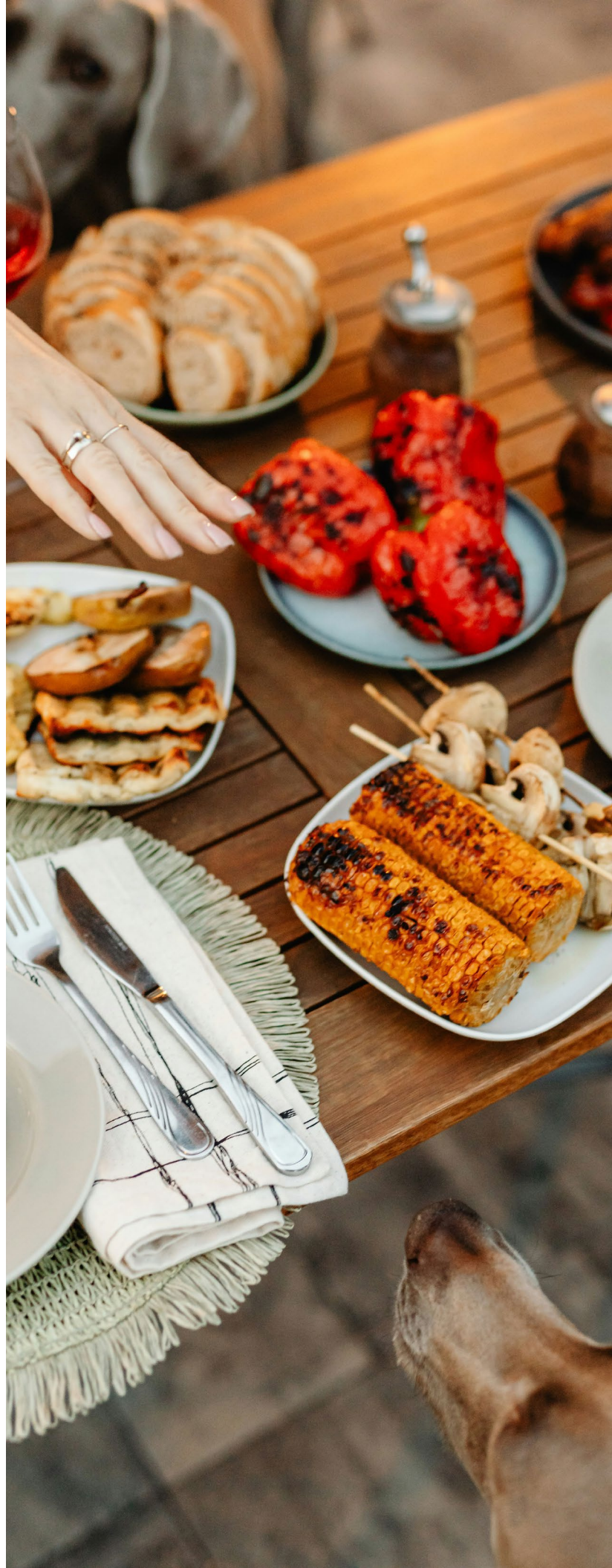
# Outdoor Dining Considerations

If the property includes an outdoor dining or patio space, consider a second set of durable serve ware that matches the indoor kitchen. A melamine set allows guests to move easily between indoor and outdoor dining without changing the experience or managing two completely different systems.

We recommend the Aspen line from Crate & Barrel for indoor and outdoor use (ceramic for indoor and melamine for outdoor). The product line has been around season after season, which means replacements are easy to source in case loss or breakage. The line layers well with neutral kitchens, and feels intentional rather than utilitarian.

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# Guest Use Considerations

**MANY GUESTS BOOK VACATION RENTALS FOR BIRTHDAYS, HOLIDAYS, AND LONGER STAYS WHERE THEY PLAN TO COOK REAL MEALS AND SPEND MEANINGFUL TIME TOGETHER.**

For these properties, certain kitchen items move from nice to have to essential. Plastic wrap, foil, and resealable bags should be considered baseline necessities. Guests use them daily for leftovers, prep, and shared meals, and their absence is often noticed. Be sure everything has a place. Keep holiday/seasonal in neatly labeled bins in the storage area. For homes that attract holiday stays or longer visits, extended baking and cooking tools are also part of a functional kitchen. Mixing bowls, baking dishes, sheet pans, and adequate serving pieces support how

guests actually use the space. A roasting pan, specialty bake ware, or additional serving platters can be considered thoughtful enhancements when space allows. These items are not required, but they are often appreciated for holiday meals and group gatherings. Remember: your rental is not a storage unit for house overflow. As always, additions should feel intentional and aligned with the space. The goal is not to anticipate every possible scenario, but to support real use and shared moments without creating clutter.





# Printable Checklists

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES TAKE AWAY THE GUESSWORK FOR STOCKING YOUR KITCHEN**

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# Kitchen Essentials

## FOR ALL HOMES:

- Baking Dishes
- Blender
- Can Opener
- Cheese Grater
- Coffee Mugs
- Coffee Maker
- Colander
- Cooking Tools
  - Ladle
  - Spatula
  - Spoon
  - Tongs
  - Silicone Spatula
  - Whisk
- Cookware Set
- Cookie Sheets
- Cutting Boards (2 min.)
- Dish Drainer
- Food Storage Containers
- Glassware
- Ice Cube Trays (if no ice maker)
- Kettle
- Knife Set
- Measuring Spoons & Cups
- Mixing Bowls
- Paper Towel Holder
- Plastic Ware for Outdoor Use
- Potato Peeler
- Pizza Cutter
- Pizza Pan for Oven
- Toaster
- Salt & Pepper Shakers
- Scissors
- Serving Platters and Bowls
- Wine key

## FOR HOMES WITH AMPLE STORAGE:

- Cake Pan
- Juice Pitcher
- Roasting pan
- Champagne Flutes
- Martini Glasses
- Cocktail Shaker
- Appetizer Plates



# Studio

MAX OCCUPANCY: 2

## ESSENTIAL BASIC ITEMS:

- Place Settings for Four
  - Dinner Plates
  - Side Plates
  - Bowls
- Water Glasses for Four
- Wine Glasses for Four
- Coffee Mugs for Four
- Flatware for Four



# One Bedroom

MAX OCCUPANCY: 4

## ESSENTIAL BASIC ITEMS:

- Place Settings for Six
  - Dinner Plates
  - Side Plates
  - Bowls
- Water Glasses for Six
- Wine Glasses for Six
- Coffee Mugs for Six
- Flatware for Six



# Two Bedroom

MAX OCCUPANCY: 6

## ESSENTIAL BASIC ITEMS:

- Place Settings for Eight
  - Dinner Plates
  - Side Plates
  - Bowls
- Water Glasses for Eight
- Wine Glasses for Eight
- Coffee Mugs for Eight
- Flatware for Eight



# Three Bedroom

MAX OCCUPANCY: 8

## ESSENTIAL BASIC ITEMS:

- Place Settings for Twelve
  - Dinner Plates
  - Side Plates
  - Bowls
- Water Glasses for Twelve
- Wine Glasses for Twelve
- Coffee Mugs for Twelve
- Flatware for Twelve



# Four Plus Bedroom

Plan for approximately one and a half times max occupancy across all everyday kitchen items.

Place Settings for 1.5x Occupancy

Dinner Plates

Side Plates

Bowls

Water Glasses for 1.5x Occupancy

Wine Glasses for 1.5x Occupancy

Coffee Mugs for 1.5x Occupancy

Flatware for 1.5x Occupancy



# Ready to Stock Your Kitchen?

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