

# Chocolate Dip & Dine



Life is better with chocolate! Invite your neighborhood to dip & dine on chocolate covered snacks. Have your neighbors bring their own snacks and sweet treats to dip, while you supply the chocolate.

## Budget

\$200

## Difficulty Level

Easy

## Location Suggestions

- Front yard
- Closed-off street (Block Party Permit required)
- Community center with kitchen facilities
- Local park with picnic areas and access to electricity

## City Support

[Mini-Grant funding](#) is available!

## Material List | Estimated Cost

- **A selection of flavored chocolates to melt | \$10 each**
  - Milk
  - Dark
  - White
  - Strawberry
- **Various food items for dipping | \$20**
  - Fruit
  - Pretzels
  - Marshmallows
  - Cookies
- **Refreshments | \$50**
- **Toppings and decorations | \$20-\$40**
  - Sprinkles
  - Icing
- **Serving materials | \$30**
  - Skewers or toothpicks for dipping
  - Bowls
  - Tin foil
  - Plates, napkins, and utensils
- **Microwave, oven, or fondue machine at home to melt chocolate**
- **Rented tables and chairs | \$60**
- **Optional: Block Party Permit**

## Step by Step | How to Plan this Event

### 1-2 Months Before Event

### 1 Set a Time & Location

Determine the **best space and time** to hold the event. Consider:

- **How many people** you plan to invite
- If you want to melt the chocolate **at home** or **at the event location**, in which case you'll need power.

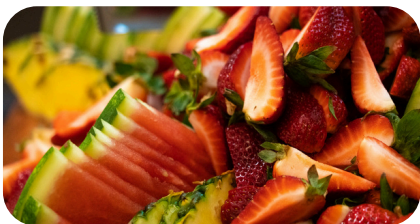
### 2 Obtain Any Necessary Permits and Permissions

If you're closing a residential street, you will need to apply for a [Block Party Permit](#) for an eligible street.

### 3 Weeks Before Event

### 3 Prepare Supplies

- Make sure you buy or gather **chocolate pieces to melt, toppings, decorations, and refreshments** for the event.
- **You can invite guests** to bring their own food to dip. **However**, plan to have a few small food items, like **strawberries and pretzels**, available!



### 4 Find the Right Chocolate

- **Couverture chocolate**, a higher quality baking chocolate with a higher amount of cocoa butter and solids, is recommended for melting.
- **Small chips, disks, or wafers of chocolate melt** easiest.
- **Larger bars of chocolate** can be chopped and melted as well.



## 5 Promote the Event

Extend invitations to neighbors and encourage them to bring their favorite food items to dip in chocolate.

- **At Least 2-3 Weeks Before | Social Media and Email:** Post on Nextdoor, Facebook, and/or Instagram. Create event pages and share posts. Email guests if possible.
- **1 Week Before | Flyers:** Go door-to-door. Design colorful flyers, postcards, or personal invitations.
- **1 Day Before | Reminder:** Send out a reminder message on social media or by email.



 Day-Of Event | 1 Hour Before

## 6 Set-Up

Prepare a dipping station with melted chocolate and skewers or toothpicks for participants to use. Arrange tables and chairs.

 Day-Of Event | 30 Minutes Before

## 7 Melt Chocolate

Use a microwave, stove top, or fondue machine to heat up the chocolate.

### Microwave



**Stir and melt** in 30 second intervals.

### Stovetop



**Boil water in a pot.** Place a heatproof bowl on top of the pot and add chocolate. Let melt for 4-5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

### Fondue Machine



**Electric:** Melt directly in machine pot.  
**Non-electric:** Melt in microwave and stove top, and then transfer into fondue machine.

 Day-Of Event | Start of Event

## 8 Host and Enjoy!

**Greet neighbors** and ensure they know how to participate.

## 9 Clean Up

Dispose or store of any leftover chocolate and toppings, clean up the dipping and decorating stations, and leave the event space clean and tidy.

