

# Silent Disco

Throw your own neighborhood silent disco! Neighbors can wear special headphones and dance to songs simultaneously, without making a sound!



#### Estimated Budget

Low | \$200  
High | \$700-\$900

#### Difficulty Level

Medium

#### Location Suggestions

- Your front or backyard
- Local park
- Closed-off street (Block Party Permit required)

#### City Support

- [Mini-Grant funding](#) is available!
- Staff can help book equipment!

## Material List | Estimated Cost

- **Technology**
  - **Wireless headphones:**
    - DIY: \$0
    - Rented: \$200
  - **Rented DJ and equipment: \$400**
  - **Music playlist**
  - **Extension cords/power strips | \$20**
- **Signage | \$10 print cost**
- **Dress up items | \$20**
- **Polaroid camera | \$80**
- **Decorations**
  - Disco ball | \$30
  - Projector lights | \$50
  - Laser lights | \$30
- **Rented tables and chairs | \$40-\$70**
- **Refreshments | \$60**
- **Trash bins | \$15**
- **Optional:**
  - Smoke machine | \$40-\$50
  - Block Party Permit

## Step by Step | How to Plan this Event

1-2 Months Before Event

### 1 Set a Time and Location:

- Consider **what time** your neighbors are available. Silent discos are often held in the evening with fun lighting!
- Choose a **space large enough** for a crowd to dance.

### 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 Rent or Gather Equipment

#### Option # 1 - Rent

- **Rent headset equipment** and a DJ for simultaneous listening on live stations!
- This is **more expensive** but easier for guests to enjoy.
- Check out [Silent Event Rentals!](#)

#### Option #2 - DIY

- **Create themed music playlists** and have neighbors **bring their own** phones and headphones to listen!
- This is **budget-friendly for hosts**, but:
  - Music won't be synchronized
  - Requires neighbors to have streaming accounts (e.g., Spotify)



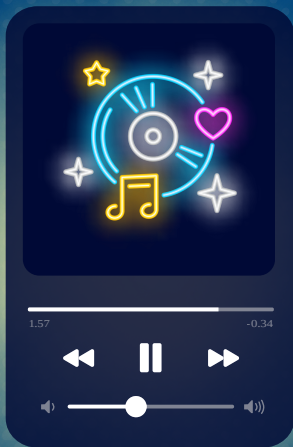
3-4 Weeks Before Event

### 4 Prepare Supplies

- **Organize or purchase** any supplies you want to include, such as lights, decorative garland, projector, and an actual disco ball.
- *Have a **contingency plan** for tech issues!* Prepare a backup music player and know where all power outlets are located.

## 5 Create Music Playlist

- **Curate 3 fun themed music playlists.** If hiring a DJ, send them the playlists!
- **Spotify, YouTube, and SoundCloud** offer free music streaming services with ads. Consider paying for just one month of a service for this event.



## 6 Plan a Photo Booth

Create a photo booth area with props and backdrops where attendees can take fun pictures during the disco.

### Option #1: Make your own booth!

- Source funky costumes like headbands, hats, leg bands, glasses, and light up bracelets!
- Purchase or gather an instant Polaroid camera.
- Find disco inspired props to put in the background!

### Option #2: Rent a photo booth!

- If your budget allows it, research and reserve a professional photo booth with lighting, an HD camera, and full backdrop.
- One possible option is **Mountain Event Services**.

## 7 Extend Invitations to Neighbors!

For DIY discos, **ask neighbors** to bring headphones and a smart phone with access to the streaming service where you made your playlists.

- **At Least 2-3 Weeks Before | Social Media and Email:** Post on Nextdoor, Facebook, and/or Instagram. Email if you can.
- **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

## 8 Plan Event Layout

Plan for power sources, large dance area, a DJ/speaker section, refreshment stations, a photo booth, and some seating.

## 9 Arrive Early to Set Up

If hiring a DJ with silent disco equipment, **coordinate** with them to arrive early and how you can help set up.

## 10 Greet Neighbors!

If you rented silent disco headphones, **invite them to grab a pair**. If DIY-ing the disco, invite neighbors to **put on their own headphones**, connect to their phone, and start the playlist you made!

## 11 Enjoy the Disco!