

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

An outdoor movie night is a fun way to gather your neighbors and their families for a party! If you are looking for an event to host outdoors, with a later start time, for movie fans, and/or are trying to get around providing a full dinner, hosting an Outdoor Movie Night block party might be the best event for you!

THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD OPTION FOR YOU IF:

- You/Your neighbors have elementary aged and older kids, or you live in a neighborhood with little to no kids.
- You don't have the space to host indoors, but have a front or back yard you could use.
- You love movies and are tech savvy – enough to be able to set up a projector and sound!
- You have a low budget with a large guest list!

SUPPLIES

FOOD: POPCORN BAR

- Pre-popped large bags of popcorn from Kroger are the best value. You can also buy AMC popcorn by the bag if you are wanting to step it up a notch!
- Popcorn toppings of your choice
- Boxed or individually wrapped candy
- Popcorn bags or cups to serve – 1 per person, plus a few extra
- A cup or scoop to serve popcorn

OUTDOOR MOVIE SETUP

- A projector - available on Amazon [here](#)
- Outdoor speaker system (such as bluetooth surround sound speakers)
 - An inflatable or pop-up screen
- A DIY version can be made with a pure white sheet
- Extension Cords
- String Lights

HOW TO:

- You can set up a popcorn bar, or choose to have the popcorn pre-bagged and ready for people to grab! This is a way you can get creative in displaying all of the supplies while also showing intentionality through the fun way it is set up!
- Be sure to have the ingredients labeled, especially if there are food allergies!
- Invite your neighbors to bring their own blankets, lawn chairs, and drinks!
- Use your front or back yard for the outdoor movie setup. If it is in the front yard, this gives neighbors who were not planning on attending, or those just walking by, a full view of all the fun!
- Strung lights around the movie screen or seating area are a great way to create an intentional environment while providing additional lighting.
- You will want to start the movie at dusk or sunset to be able to see the screen outdoors. Plan accordingly so the movie ends at a good time for everyone!
- If you want to go the DIY route for the movie, you can use your garage door and a flat white sheet. You will need to acquire a projector and sound system.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- If you are showing a movie on your property, you do not have to worry about licensing. If you play it at a community park, a public performance license is required.
- Plan to have a bathroom easily accessible and clean for guests to use – a pro move is to place a candle or scented flowers as a thoughtful detail!
- Keep in mind the noise level in your neighborhood to be polite and respectful of the city regulations.
- If you are hosting this type of block party and would like to borrow items like the movie screen or projector, you can apply [here](#)—first come, first serve!