Small Business Saturday Checklist

Whether you have two weeks or one day to prep for Small Business Saturday, you can follow these steps to achieve success:

If You Have Two Weeks' Prep Time:

Plan promotions: You can offer giveaways and discounts. You can also give out free samples and put items on sale.	Set up partnerships: When you work with vendors or other local companies, you can help increase business for each other by cross promoting your brands.	
Give out SBS swag This can help show your customers that you appreciate them, and promote your products. You can also use the Shop Small logo.	Spread the news of your plans: Use social media, posters, website ads and emails to let your customer base know that you're participating this year.	

If You Have One Weeks' Prep Time:

Look at your shipping charges: You can motivate customers to shop with you by offering free shipping if they spend over a certain amount.	Categorize items on your website: You can help shoppers find what they're looking for by grouping your products into categories like "gifts for mom."
Build buzz about your participation: Use social media, posters, website ads and emails to let your customers know what your plans are for this year's Small Business Saturday.	

If You Have One Days' Prep Time:

Plan a promotion or sale: You can advertise these in your store and on your website. Many businesses have flash sales that only last for Small Business Saturday.	Set-up hand sanitizing stations: You can help your customers shop safely this year by offering hand sanitizer.
Get the word out about your plans: Use social media, posters, website ads and emails to let your customers know your Small Business Saturday plans.	