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## **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CHECKLIST & STORAGE TIPS**

If you haven't already it's time to start dragging out the holiday decor! This checklist can help you create a festive holiday environment for your family and friends to enjoy!

## PREPARATION:

### To Do List

- Take inventory of your holiday decorations BEFORE buying additional pieces.
- Clean your house before you decorate each room, putting away all fall decorations.
- Create your holiday budget. This should include the extra food, gifts, decorations and traveling you will be doing. This will help you know how many new decorations you can purchase for your home.
- Air out and shape your tree.



## PLANNING:

- Decide on a theme for the inside and outside of your home.
  - Decide on the focal point for your outdoor decorations.
  - Is your shed visible from the road? Will you be using it as a holiday party location? Plan out how your shed can be decorated to match the rest of your home.
  - Decide on your color scheme for your tree and revolve the rest of your decorations around that color scheme. (though it's ok to mix and match a little! Sentimentality trumps color schemes.)
- Shopping is next on the list! Now that you have a full inventory and a list of what you still need, you can go shopping. But remember to stay within your budget!
- Plan out your lighting and electrical grid.
  - Determine where you will need spotlights or just stringed lights.
  - Don't overload your outlets!
  - Will you be using a timer for your lights? Strategically plan your lighting so everything is connected to a timer.
  - Don't forget to light your walkway. With holiday guests coming over, you'll want your walkway and driveway to be clearly illuminated.
- Gather helpers! Plan out specific tasks your children can help with. Everyone loves being a part of hanging the tinsel and holly! If you have more difficult tasks, you may want to trade services with a friend. Help each other hang lights and large decorations.
- Create the perfect decorating playlist! Or [check out our playlist on Spotify!](#)

A photograph of two young children, a girl and a boy, wearing red and green striped pajamas and Santa hats, standing in front of a Christmas tree. The tree is decorated with various ornaments, including white reindeer, candy canes, and colorful baubles. The background shows a fireplace with a fire burning. A red banner with white text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

## NOW IT'S TIME TO DECORATE!

Once you have your plan and budget in place, you can have fun decorating your entire home.

Give your children a few older decorations that they can add to their room. Plus, don't forget to incorporate your shed into your decorations! Decorating the outside of your shed can add a little character to your landscape this Christmas. But, the inside can be a great help this holiday season as a [craft room](#) or as simply a place to store all of those holiday decorations come January.

## NOT SURE HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SPACE AND STORE ALL OF YOUR NEW ADDITIONS?

Try some of these tips to keep all of your trimming safe until the next year:

- 1. Wrap lights around pieces of cardboard** - Everyone has experienced the frustration of trying to untangle a string of Christmas lights. Keep things simple by wrapping individual strands of lights around pieces of cardboard.
- 2. Keep ornaments stored safely** - Many ornaments are fragile, especially when stored close together. Use cardboard as a divider or use empty egg cartons or small plastic cups.
- 3. Use a garment bag for wrapping paper** - Wrapping paper is one of those things that seems to multiply over the years and is impossible to keep track of. Store rolls in a hanging garment bag and place in the back corner of a closet.
- 4. Organize, Color Code & Label** - Try to organize your decorations by holiday first. If you have decorations for multiple holidays, then choose a different colored container for each holiday. Keep your Christmas decorations in all green or red containers. Halloween and fall, keep in orange containers, etc.

Then, for your Christmas trimmings, try to organize by color scheme or theme. That way the next year you only get out the decorations you're wanting to use again.

After you've organized all of your plastic bins, securely tape appropriate labels on each side. You may think you'll always remember what's in red tub number 3, but a year later...that's probably not going to stick with you.

- 5. Store your wreaths on top of everything else in a sealed container** - This will help you preserve the shape of your wreaths and keep bugs from infesting them.

Want more tips for storing your holiday trimming? [Check out this article!](#)

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## FUN FOR THE HOLIDAYS PLAYLIST

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- A blurred background image of a person wearing a Santa hat and playing a keyboard, suggesting a festive holiday atmosphere.
1. White Christmas -- Bing Crosby
  2. Better Than Christmas Day -- Dave Barnes
  3. Mistletoe -- Justin Bieber
  4. A Marshmallow World -- Dean Martin
  5. I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm -- Dean Martin
  6. We Need a Little Christmas (Glee Cast Version) -- Glee Cast
  7. Carol of the Bells -- Barlow Girl
  8. Baby, It's Cold Outside -- Dean Martin
  9. Winter Wonderland -- Tony Bennett, Lady Gaga
  10. Up on the Housetop -- Pentatonix
  11. Deck the Rooftop (Glee Cast Version) -- Glee Cast
  12. 12 Days of Christmas -- Relient K
  13. Wonderful Christmastime -- Paul McCartney
  14. Last Christmas -- George Michael, Dirk Bergmann
  15. All I Want for Christmas is You -- Mariah Carey
  16. Grown-Up Christmas List -- Peter Hollens
  17. Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! -- Frank Sinatra, B. Swanson Quartet
  18. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree -- Brenda Lee
  19. Winter Wonderland/Don't Worry Be Happy -- Pentatonix, Tori Kelly
  20. Jingle Bells (feat. The Puppini Sisters) -- Michael Bublé'
  21. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays -- \*NSYNC
  22. Mary, Did You Know? -- CeeLo Green
  23. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas -- Frank Sinatra
  24. Tennessee Christmas -- Amy Grant
  25. White Christmas -- The Drifters, Bill Pinckney, Clyde McPhatter
  26. My Little Drum -- Vince Guaraldi Trio
  27. O Holy Night -- Kari Jobe