

The Holiday Home Prep Checklist

30 simple things to organize **before the holiday rush** - so your home feels a little calmer when life gets busier.

START HERE: You do not need to do this all at once. Pick one section, set a timer, and make progress.

01 / ENTRYWAY + DROP ZONE

- Clear out shoes, bags and jackets that are no longer in season.
- Make room for guest coats, purses and shoes.
- Create an easy landing spot for keys, mail and everyday essentials.
- Remove anything from the entry that has migrated there without a real home.

02 / KITCHEN + PANTRY

- Toss expired pantry items and ingredients you know you will not use.
- Group baking supplies and holiday cooking staples together.
- Take inventory before buying seasonal ingredients.
- Clear unnecessary appliances and clutter from your countertops.
- Make space for serving pieces, platters and holiday entertaining essentials.

03 / REFRIGERATOR + FREEZER

- Clear expired condiments, old leftovers and forgotten freezer items.
- Combine duplicates where possible.
- Create open space for holiday groceries and make-ahead dishes.
- Designate an easy-to-reach area for leftovers.

04 / GUEST SPACES

- Clear the guest room of items that do not belong there.
- Make room in a closet, drawer or luggage area for guests.
- Check extra sheets, pillows and blankets.
- Gather air mattresses and guest bedding if you do not have a dedicated guest room.
- Stock the guest bathroom with fresh towels, toilet paper and basic toiletries.

05 / KIDS + TOYS

- Remove broken toys and games with missing pieces.
- Set aside toys your children have outgrown.
- Donate items that are still in good condition but are no longer used.
- Make sure favorite toys have simple, kid-friendly homes.
- Leave some breathing room for new gifts that may arrive.

06 / HOLIDAY DECOR

- Look through holiday decor before buying anything new.
- Remove broken lights and damaged decorations.
- Let go of decor you have not used in years and no longer love.
- Group items by room, decorating zone or category.
- Label bins specifically so next year's decorating is easier.

07 / GIFT + WRAPPING ZONE

- Choose one designated place to hide and store gifts.
- Gather wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbon, tags, tape and scissors.
- Recycle damaged bags, tiny paper scraps and empty supplies.
- Create one grab-and-go wrapping kit for quick gifts.

15-MINUTE QUICK WINS

■ Match food-storage containers with their lids.	■ Clear one junk drawer.
■ Remove five things from your coat closet.	■ Clean out one refrigerator shelf.
■ Collect every roll of wrapping paper into one place.	■ Fill one donation bag and put it in the car.

Your Holiday Calm Plan

Organization is not about getting your entire house perfect before the holidays. Choose the spaces that will make the biggest difference for *your* family.

The three spaces that would make the holidays easier if they were organized:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

One thing I can donate or remove this week:

One system that is not working for our family right now:

One task I can finish in 15 minutes:

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