

HOLIDAY DECORATING | AFTER THE HOLIDAYS

# STORAGE SOLUTIONS

One aspect of decorating that can be easy to overlook is storage. Where will you keep all of the giant outdoor inflatable Santas when the New Year comes?

**F**ortunately, there are many tips and tools out there that can help you stow away your holiday decorations in a clean, safe location.

Your first step should be measuring the space where you'd like to store your pieces.

Having dimensions will help you map out what can go where, making the cleanup process a breeze this year.

## Containers

If your organizational plans consist of throwing your decorations in a few boxes and placing them in the attic, it may be time to consider alternatives.

Plastic, airtight containers can help keep your decorations in pristine condition.

And what's more important, considering how many times throughout the years you'll be breaking the decorations back out?

## Gift Wrap

Wrapping paper has gotten expensive. And given how much you'll likely have left over at the end of the gift-giving season, you'd be fiscally wise to hold onto it for future use.

Instead of sending it under your bed to collect dust, purchase a gift wrap organizer unit that can hang from the back of a closet door.

If you're set on keeping the wrapping paper under your bed, opt for a thin, box that can be closed and hold all different sizes.

## Tree Storage

When choosing a tree storage solution, be sure to consider where you want to place it for the rest of the year.

Doing so can keep you safe when transferring it. For example, if you're placing your tree in a large box that is not easily maneuvered, you may reconsider battling your attic stairs. Instead, the garage or extra storage closet are probably your best bets. This goes for any type of decoration. If you can't safely move the item, rethink your storage plan.



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