

WRAPPING UP CHRISTMAS

A Post-Holiday Checklist

- ☐ Designate a large cardboard box or bag to hold “Give Away” items.
- ☐ Pull out any décor that no longer works (for whatever reason). Add these to the “Give Away” box. Anything irreparable can be thrown away.
- ☐ Rearrange remaining decorations to fill in the “holes.”
- ☐ Make a list of any items you might like to invest in during after-Christmas sales.
- ☐ Take photos of mantle, coffee table, shelves — anywhere you placed Christmas décor this year. Then, create a digital album of the images (or print copies, if you prefer) as a record of how and where you used various items to decorate.
- ☐ Pack up everything you are keeping. Put any printed photos on top of the boxes before sealing them up, to will remind you of “what goes where” (and make it easy for hubby and kids to help you decorate next year). Leftovers in any Christmas boxes — especially items that you chose not to put out this year — are good candidates for the “Give Away” box.
- ☐ Make a list of the “Give Away” items for your records and/or tax purposes.
- ☐ Place the “Give Away” box in your car to drop off on errand day. Don't forget to ask for a receipt, and to file it (along with your list of donated items) with your important papers as soon as you get home.
- ☐ Take inventory of all your holiday-themed “consumables” including napkins, wrapping paper, Christmas cards, thank you notes, muffin liners, etc.
- ☐ Shop after-Christmas sales and pack these items carefully, then store them with your Christmas décor boxes.

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AFTER-CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST

- ☐ Christmas consumables
- ☐ Wrapping paper
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Christmas cards
- ☐ Christmas thank you notes
- ☐ Muffin liners
- ☐ Christmas tins
- ☐ Gift bags
- ☐ Christmas décor to add *(from notes made during your Christmas Décor Assessment)*
- ☐ Hostess gifts
- ☐ Thank You gifts (Sunday School teachers, children's piano teacher, ministry partners, etc.)
- ☐ Stocking stuffers
- ☐ Family gifts
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