

The Ultimate Guide to Organizing Your Home for the Holidays

As the holidays approach, it can be difficult to find time to clean and organize your home. With all of the shopping, baking, entertaining, and other festive activities that come with the holiday season, it can seem like there just aren't enough hours in the day. But fear not! From The FamilyHomesGa Team, here are some tips and tricks that will make cleaning and organization easier during this busy season.

Make a To-Do List

Start by making a list of all of the <u>tasks that need to be done</u> around your home before guests arrive or you start decorating for the holidays. This will help you plan ahead, so you don't feel overwhelmed when trying to tackle everything at once.

Plan a Cleaning Schedule

Once you've made your list, <u>plan out a schedule</u> for completing each task. For example, if one of your tasks is vacuuming the carpets throughout your house, designate one day for vacuuming each room or area of your house. This way, cleaning will be much less overwhelming because you won't have to do it all at once.

Clean with the Vacuum Daily

Everyone loves a clean home, but no one likes spending hours vacuuming every day. To save time on cleaning while still keeping your home looking spotless, vacuum daily instead of waiting until everything is covered in dust and dirt. This



way, you won't have to dedicate an entire afternoon to getting rid of all of the dirt and debris that accumulates over weeks or months.

Need to get ready for holiday guests on short notice? You can shake out rugs and carpets quickly outside, and they'll be as good as new! Cleaning doesn't have to take over your life.

Prepare Space for Incoming Gifts

If you know you'll be receiving gifts during the holidays, make sure to prepare some space in advance, so they don't clutter up your living room or bedroom. You can either store them away in closets or purchase storage bins or baskets specifically designed for storing gifts until they are ready to be opened on Christmas Day.

Arrange Your Coat Closet to Prepare for Your Guests

If you expect guests who will stay overnight at your home during the holiday season, make sure to <u>arrange your coat closet</u> accordingly so they have plenty of space to hang their coats without having them get lost in a sea of jackets and scarves.

Prepare for Guests

Don't forget about preparing guest rooms/bathrooms/living spaces if family members or friends decide to stay over during their visit! Ensure beds are made, bathrooms are stocked with towels/toiletries, living spaces are cozy and warm, etc., so everyone <u>feels right at home</u> when visiting – even if only briefly.



Declutter and Arrange Receipts and Documents Digitally

Another great way to get organized before Christmas arrives is by decluttering all receipts and documents that may have accumulated over time. You can either organize them into folders or scan them digitally, so they are easier to access when needed (and also <u>save valuable shelf space!</u>).

Ask Family Members to Help

Don't try taking on all these tasks alone! Reach out to family members who could lend a hand — whether it's helping with shopping errands or <u>deep-cleaning</u> <u>certain areas</u> of your home — so everyone has more free time during this special season!

Get Your Kitchen Ready for Baking and Hosting

Last but not least, it's important that your kitchen is ready for baking and hosting events during this festive period. Make sure drawers are stocked with baking supplies (such as cookie cutters and parchment paper), stock up on extra plates, cups, napkins, etc., ensure ovens are up-to-date, and create ample countertop space, so cooking is as stress-free as possible!

With these tips in mind, making cleaning and organization easier during this holiday season should be a breeze (or rather – a sleigh ride). Don't let yourself get overwhelmed by all the hustle and bustle – put these tips into practice now and reap the rewards later when it's time for festivities galore.





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