

10 Quick and Easy Ways to Store Your Christmas Decorations

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1. Use Clear Plastic Storage Containers - These are great because you can see the contents without having to spend time labelling each box. Plus the plastic helps protect from moisture better than cardboard. When stacking, be sure to place the largest and heaviest boxes on the bottom and smaller boxes on the top.

2. Box the Beads - Pack the beads in small boxes such as plastic shoeboxes. If you use many strands of beads, larger boxes could become too heavy. To keep the beads from becoming tangled wrap each strand around empty paper towel rolls and tape the ends. Wind tinsel around a cardboard bobbin made by cutting the front and back off a cereal box to keep it tidy and untangled.

3. Don't Dog Pile the Christmas Lights - Don't stack too many lights in the same box. Lights can easily become tangled so individual strands of lights should be bagged separately or wrapped around paper towel rolls or something similar and placed in plastic grocery bags or large freezer bags.

4. Save Space with Re-Shapeable Decorations - Bows made of wired ribbon can be flattened and reshaped next year. Wired ribbon garlands and streamers can be tightly rolled. They don't need to be flattened unless you need to conserve space.

5. Don't Crush Your Wreaths - Wreaths can be stacked in larger boxes but each wreath should be wrapped with bubble wrap. If they aren't wrapped then they shouldn't be stacked.

6. Wrap Christmas Ornaments Properly -

Ornaments should be individually wrapped in white tissue paper or where greater protection is needed,

wrap in bubble wrap. Since most ornaments are lightweight they can be stored in large boxes. If you still have the original boxes the ornaments came in, then store them in these and then place them in the storage container.

7. Protect Christmas

Decorations from Moisture - If you live in a humid climate using plastic containers may not be enough to protect from moisture. Place packets of silica gel in each container to avoid damage from humidity



8. Guard Against Temperature Extremes - Delicate decorations such as ornaments made with photos or wax can be temperature sensitive. Store them in a climate-controlled area or they could deteriorate, melt or stick together.

9. Avoid Box Identity Loss - Attach a red ribbon or tag to each Christmas storage box. This will make them easy to identify next Christmas if they have been stored with other boxes unrelated to Christmas decorations.

10. Toss the Trash - Some people have a tendency to just "hang onto stuff" in hopes that they'll find a use for it later. Don't waste space by holding onto old ornaments you know you'll never use again (unless of course it has some sentimental significance).

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