PRASAD HOME IDEAS

The 7-Day Christmas Home Reset

A room-by-room checklist to a calmer home before the holidays.

Print this out, stick it on the fridge, and tick one day at a time. One weekend of decluttering — then the tree, the guests and the cooking all have room. Based on our 15-item Christmas declutter list.

Day 1 — Surfaces & Entryway

- ☐ Clear every flat surface: mantel, tables, counters
- ☐ Free 3–4 hooks for guests' coats and bags
- ☐ Move off-season coats and the shoe pile away
- ☐ Put one donation bag by the door and fill it
- ☐ Wipe the entry table and sweep the floor

Day 2 — Kitchen & Pantry

- ☐ Toss expired food from the pantry and fridge
- ☐ Clear one full counter for holiday cooking
- ☐ Group what stays: baking, cans, snacks, spices
- ☐ Wipe fridge shelves; oldest food to the front
- ☐ Start a holiday shopping list on the fridge

Day 3 — Decor Audit

- ☐ Test every strand of lights — toss dead ones
- ☐ Keep only decor that went up last year
- ☐ Donate the rest while charities still want it
- ☐ Label bins by zone: tree, mantel, table
- ☐ Put the lights bin at the front, ready to grab

Day 4 — Closets & Guest Room

- ☐ Donate winter clothes you did not wear last year
- ☐ Keep two sheet sets per bed, two towels per guest
- ☐ Fresh sheets on the guest bed — do it today
- ☐ Worn towels become cleaning rags or donations
- ☐ Clear one shelf in the closet for gifts

Day 5 — Gift-Wrap Station

- ☐ One box only: paper, tape, ribbon, bags, tags
- ☐ Toss dried tape, torn paper, broken-handle bags
- ☐ Keep five good gift bags — the rest go
- ☐ Add scissors and a pen that actually works
- ☐ Store the station where wrapping happens

Day 6 — Bathrooms & Linens

- ☐ Guest-ready bathroom: soap, towels, spare roll
- ☐ Toss expired medicines (pharmacy take-back)
- ☐ Clear the cabinet: one basket for the keepers
- ☐ Fresh hand towels out, laundry in the hamper
- ☐ Wipe the mirror, sink and taps

Day 7 — Reset & Rules

- ☐ Donation bags OUT the door today — no waiting
- ☐ One in, one out for every gift that arrives
- ☐ 10-minute nightly reset from tonight
- ☐ Coats on hooks, paper back in its station
- ☐ Dishes done before bed — calm Christmas morning

Keep It Calm Through Christmas

- One in, one out for every gift that arrives
- 10-minute nightly reset: coats, paper, dishes
- Wrapping paper back in its station each night
- One clear counter, always, for holiday cooking
- Everything back to its home before bed

Want the full 15-item declutter list?

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