

storage checklist

{declutter}

sentimental

- unpack sentimental items and find a use for them in your home rather than keeping them hidden away
- don't hold onto things just because you're afraid you'll lose the memories if you part with the item
- if you haven't thought about an item in a long time and don't have any use for it now, give it away
- keep a box for each of your children of special things from their childhood, but limit yourself to one box

extras

- think about how long something has been in storage and how likely you are to need it to make an objective decision about keeping it
- ask yourself how much it would cost to replace it if you happen to need it at some point
- ask yourself how easy it would be to find a replacement if needed

hand-me-downs

- organize hand me downs by size/gender
- go through hand me downs and give away any that you don't truly love
- consider lending or giving away any that you're not currently using

seasonal decor

- give away any seasonal decor that stays in the box year-after-year

{clean}

- clean behind boxes and bins. vacuum, dust corners and wipe down walls if necessary.
- wipe down shelves.
- group boxes by season or size so that it's easy to find them.
- label boxes clearly with detailed descriptions of what's inside.
- pack seasonal decor by room or type so that all of your ornaments are together, all of your living room decor is together, etc

{maintain}

- think twice before putting something in storage
- when you take something out of storage, be sure to put it back in the correctly labeled box when you're done.
- store your regular decor in your holiday boxes so they'll be easy to find when it's time to pack the seasonal/holiday decor away