



# Week Before Christmas

## TO DO LIST

### Delegate & Divide (Start Here)

- Sit down with your spouse for 10 minutes
- Look at this list together
- Decide who owns what (not “helps with” — owns)
- Assign grocery runs, wrapping blocks, and kid-related tasks
- Put it on the calendar so it doesn’t live in your head

### Gifts & Wrapping

- Finish any last-minute gift shopping
- Do a quick wrap-inventory (paper, tape, tags, bows, scissors)
- Order wrapping supplies instead of making another store trip
  - Amazon (easy + fast)
  - Walmart (pickup/delivery)
  - Target (drive-up is the best this week)
- Set up a simple wrapping station (basket with tape, tags, Sharpie, scissors)
- Wrap gifts in short, realistic batches
- Label gifts clearly

### Batteries + little extras (do this now)

- Place an Amazon order for batteries (AA/AAA)
- Add tape refills, gift tags, ribbon, or stocking stuffers while you’re at it

### Groceries & Kitchen Reset

- Check pantry and fridge before shopping
- Make a short, realistic grocery list
- Delegate grocery shopping or pickup
- Stock easy lunches and snacks for the busy days
- Clean out the fridge enough to make room for holiday food

### Home & Life Admin

- Review the week’s calendar together
- Confirm Christmas plans and arrival times
- Decide what can be skipped this week
- Clear one surface (kitchen counter, island, or entry table)

### Clothes & Outfits

- Lay out Christmas church outfits for everyone
  - Clothes
  - Tights/socks
  - Shoes
  - Coats
  - Hair accessories
- Try shoes on kids now (future-you will thank you)
  - Pull out any seasonal pieces you still want them to wear
    - Festive sweaters
    - Holiday pajamas
    - Special school or party outfits

### Christmas Eve Dinner Plan

- Lock in Christmas Eve dinner: Lasagna night
- Add ingredients to your grocery list
- Decide who’s responsible for prep, baking, and clean-up
- Plan your side: Italian salad

### Kids & Home Reset

- Involve kids in a quick toy or book clean-out
- Let them help choose items to donate
- Put the donation bag by the door so it actually leaves

### Christmas morning chaos-reducer:

- Order one large laundry basket per child
- Label each basket with their name
- On Christmas morning, as gifts are opened, everything goes straight into their basket