Christmas List Checklist

Name _____ Christmas budget _____ Year _____

Plan and budget

- [ ] Set one total Christmas budget
- [ ] Split the budget by person or group
- [ ] List everyone you buy for
- [ ] Note kids' sizes and wish list picks
- [ ] Note allergies, dislikes and what they already own
- [ ] Check work and school closing dates
- [ ] Choose one shopping day each week
- [ ]

Gifts

- [ ] Ask adults for two or three ideas
- [ ] Buy for the children first
- [ ] Buy for your partner
- [ ] Buy for parents and grandparents
- [ ] Teachers, carers and sitters
- [ ] Coworkers or Secret Santa
- [ ] Stocking fillers
- [ ] Gift cards and seasonal tips
- [ ] Wrapping paper, tape and tags
- [ ] Mail out-of-town gifts by carrier cutoff
- [ ] Wrap and label every gift
- [ ]
- [ ]

Cards and photos

- [ ] Update the address list
- [ ] Buy or print cards
- [ ] Buy stamps
- [ ] Write and address the cards
- [ ] Mail the cards
- [ ] Take or choose the family photo
- [ ]

Food and drink

- [ ] Choose the menu
- [ ] Count guests and dietary needs
- [ ] Write the grocery list
- [ ] Order the main meat or roast
- [ ] Buy non-perishables and drinks
- [ ] Plan baking days
- [ ] Buy fresh groceries
- [ ] Start defrosting if needed
- [ ]

Home and guests

- [ ] Test lights before hanging them
- [ ] Put up the tree and decorations
- [ ] Stock batteries and spare bulbs
- [ ] Wash guest linens and towels
- [ ] Clear fridge and freezer space
- [ ] Sort pet care or travel plans
- [ ]

Final week

- [ ] Last grocery shop
- [ ] Finish all wrapping
- [ ] Charge devices and check toy batteries
- [ ] Set the table the night before
- [ ] Put out cookies and carrots
- [ ] Print or write the Christmas Day timeline
- [ ]

After Christmas

- [ ] Record who gave what
- [ ] Write thank-you notes
- [ ] Handle returns and exchanges
- [ ] Pack decorations with a list
- [ ] Note gift ideas for next year
- [ ]

Tick as you go. Keep this sheet with your decorations for next year.