



## Selecting Storage Solutions for Your Holiday Decorations

Lately, a lot of storage solutions designed specifically for holiday decorations have appeared in stores. Offering much better organization and protection than standard cardboard boxes for fragile ornaments, embellished wreaths, delicate wrapping paper, tangle-prone lights, and prickly artificial trees, most storage products fall into one of two categories: soft-sided cases or molded plastic containers. Both types protect your holiday treasures, but each has its advantages. Here's how they compare:

### Soft-Sided Cases

- Made of tear-resistant nylon fabric or woven plastic
- Most feature a zipper close to keep out dirt and dust
- Often include cardboard or plastic inserts or dividers to separate individual pieces and provide rigidity
- Flexible, so they take up less storage space
- Not ideal for stacking
- Not shock-resistant
- Best for irregularly shaped items like ornaments and trees



### Molded Plastic Containers

- Lids usually snap shut and lock
- Provide the best protection from moisture and temperature fluctuations
- Work better with decorations that are similar in size or shape
- Usually stackable (some units actually snap together) so you can store them vertically
- Shock-resistant
- Take up more space because they aren't flexible



Depending on where you store your decorations (attic, garage, storage shed) and how much space is available, one type may be better than the other, or a combination may work best for you. Most products fall within the \$6 - \$30 range; bags for large trees may cost a bit more. These and other holiday storage products are readily available at stores like The Container Store, Target, WalMart, Home Depot, Lowe's, and JoAnn.

*Need help organizing your holiday decoration storage? Contact Happily Better After at **609.880.9682** or [info@happilybetterafter.com](mailto:info@happilybetterafter.com) for assistance!*