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# Discover 419

## January 2026

### Take a winter day trip in the 419

Plenty to do even when it's cold outside

By Ava Thoman



As winter break comes to a close and the rest of the cold season stretches out ahead, families should look no further than home in Northwest Ohio to plan a day trip to shake things up.

The month of January is a perfect time to spend time indoors with the family or to participate in winter activities before spring rolls around.

Here are just a few day trip options within easy driving distance of just about anywhere in the 419.

Up in Toledo, families can bundle up and go ice skating outside at The

Ribbon at the Glass City Metropark.

The Ribbon is an outdoor ice skating trail on the Maumee River, located at 1505 Front St., open every day until March 15. You can reserve a two-hour time slot on their website.

Admission and skate rentals are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for children ages 4-12, \$2 for children 3 and under and \$10 for seniors ages 65 and up.

On Wednesdays, the Metropark holds Family Skate, which features a three-hour session for \$5 a person.

The Ribbon is open 4:30-9 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 1-4 p.m. on Wednesdays; 2-9 p.m. on Fridays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays.

If you're looking for an indoor

## Day Tripping

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option in Toledo, head over to the Imagination Station. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at 1 Discovery Way, kids can learn and experience everything to do with science.

With the price of admission, until Jan. 4, families can visit the Traveling Bricks exhibit, which showcases over 100 LEGO creations.

If you can't make it until after, the interactive museum still has seven permanent hands-on exhibits and five attractions throughout the day.

Admission is free for children 2 and under, \$20 for children 3 to 12, \$21 for seniors 65 and up and \$22 for adults 13 to 64. Lucas County residents get \$2 off, and Lucas County kids get free admission on Saturdays.

The museum also offers free admission for teachers and active duty, inactive and veteran military members, and \$3 admission for those receiving food assistance.

Also in downtown Toledo, cheer on the Toledo Walleye hockey team as they play at home for six games in January.

"It [January] starts with our Crayola theme night on Jan. 4. We also have our Red Wings affiliate night on Jan. 9, and we'll be celebrating Detroit's 100 years of hockey and our connection with the Detroit Red Wings," said Kate Langenderser, the director of omnichannel, marketing and storytelling with the Walleye. "Our heritage weekend, which is Friday, Jan. 23 through Sunday, Jan. 25, we'll be celebrating 70 years of Toledo hockey history ... then we end the month, Jan. 31, with our very popular Bonefish night, where we'll be wearing our Bonefish jerseys, and the players will be sporting their nicknames."



The Ribbon ice skating trail in Toledo gives visitors a chance to bundle up and enjoy the season.

The Walleye pride themselves on being "affordable family fun" offering activities for all ages during the game, Langenderser said.

"Our Crayola game is definitely one that kids will enjoy. There'll be coloring activities throughout the arena ... We have unveiled a new Zamboni ride that we have on the concourse that kids can play on," said Langenderser. "Then we have our two great mascots, Spike and CatTrick, who are always running around and talking to the young fans and getting them excited about the game."

Tickets range in price from \$20-\$29 and can be purchased on the Walleye website.

Moving over to Bryan, home of the Spangler Candy Factory, families can experience the history of the company at Spangler Candy World.

Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 131 S. Main St., general admission into the museum is always free.

There, you can experience interactive games, STEAM activities and robotic stations that mimic the actual factory. View historical artifacts of the candy company and take a theater tour of the

factory for an additional fee.

Theater tickets are free for children 3 and under, \$2 for children between 4 and 12 and \$3 for those 13 and up.

And for an outing in the heart of Hancock County, the University of Findlay's Mazza Museum features the largest collection of artwork by children's book illustrators.

Located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion at 201 College St., the museum is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., and is always free.

While the museum is open to walk through, they will also be hosting events throughout January.

On Jan. 11, they will be hosting their Funday Sunday: Happy Birthday USA event from 1-3:30 p.m. This event has art activities, games, educational stations, STEAM activities, planetarium shows and more. Registration is required prior to the event.

On Jan. 14, they will be hosting Tales for Tots with an interactive story time from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Registration is also required.





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**Beginning Potter's Wheel**-Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 11; Tuition: \$180, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome (18+). Instructor: Marcie Allen

**Intermediate Potter's Wheel**-Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 12; Tuition: \$180, all materials provided, must have previously taken Beginning Pottery or equivalent (18+). Instructor: Marcie Allen

**Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17**-Saturdays, 9-10:30 am Wheel, 10:30-noon Glazing, January 10, 17, 24; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Hand-building Clay Class-Ugly Sweater**-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, January 10; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Parent & Child (or 2 Adults) "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing**-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, January 17; Tuition: \$100 (for two), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Hand-building Clay Class-Mini Snowman**-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, January 24; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Homeschool Spring Art: Grades 1-4**-Tuesdays, 1:00-2:15 pm, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Homeschool Spring Art: Grades 5-12**-Tuesdays, 1:00-3:15 pm, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24; Tuition: \$80, all materials provided. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Young Adult Pottery, Ages 9-17**-Saturdays, 9-10:30 am Wheel, 10:30-noon Glazing, February 14, 21, 28; Tuition: \$150, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Hand-building Clay Class-Valentine Heart Bowl**-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, February 14; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Parent & Child (or 2 Adults) "Play-in-Clay" Wheel Throwing**-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, February 21; Tuition: \$100 (for two), all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

**Hand-building Clay Class-Mini Reindeer**-Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm, February 28; Tuition: \$15, all materials provided, all skill levels welcome. Instructor: Cindy Meadows

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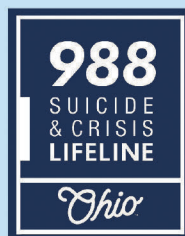
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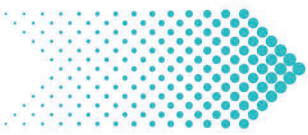


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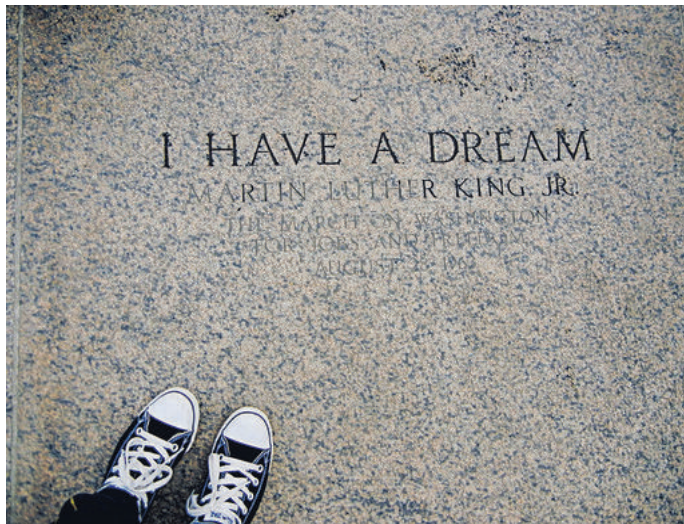
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# A TIMELINE OF NOTABLE EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamt of breaking down barriers and ending discrimination based on skin color, religion, personal beliefs, and much more. Indeed, Dr. King was a visionary and a leader whose life was tragically cut short before he could see the many fruits of his labor. Dr. King was a strong proponent of change, and his impact was felt from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. Here is a chronology of major events in Dr. King's life.

- **January 15, 1929:** Martin Luther King, Jr. is born to the Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. in Atlanta, Georgia.
- **September 20, 1944:** After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School a few months earlier, King begins his freshman year at Morehouse College in Atlanta. King graduates from the college in 1948 with a degree in sociology.
- **February 25, 1948:** After time spent in Crozer Theological Seminary, King is ordained to the Baptist ministry at the age of 19.

- **September 13, 1951:** King begins graduate studies in theology at Boston University.
- **June 18, 1953:** Coretta Scott and King are married at the Scott home near Marion, Alabama.
- **September 1, 1954:** King begins his pastorate at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.
- **June 5, 1955:** Boston University awards King a doctorate in systematic theology.
- **December 1, 1955:** Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white passenger. A few days later, the Montgomery Improvement Association is formed to lead a boycott of the segregated buses and King becomes the group's president.
- **January 30, 1956:** King's home is bombed while he is away at a speaking engagement. Later, he addresses an angry crowd that gathers outside his home, asking for

nonviolence.

- **November 13, 1956:** The U.S. Supreme Court declares bus segregation laws unconstitutional.
- **February 17, 1957:** King appears on the cover of Time magazine.
- **May 17, 1957:** King delivers his first national address at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- **1958:** The U.S. Congress passes the first Civil Rights Act since reconstruction.
- **September 17, 1958:** King publishes a book, *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*. During a book signing a few days later in Harlem, New York, King is stabbed by Izola Ware Curry and rushed to Harlem Hospital.
- **February 3, 1959:** King embarks on a visit to India to meet with many of Gandhi's followers and study the philosophy of nonviolence.
- **1960:** With his family, King relocates back to his native Atlanta and becomes co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. King devotes most of his time to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a group he and other activists established in 1957.
- **June 23, 1960:** John F. Kennedy, the Democratic presidential candidate, meets privately with King in New York.
- **October 19, 1960:** King is arrested during a sit-in demonstration at a department store in Atlanta.
- **October 16, 1961:** King urges President John F. Kennedy to issue a second Emancipation Proclamation to end racial segregation.
- **September 28, 1962:** A member of the American Nazi Party assaults King during a closing session of

the SCLC in Birmingham, Alabama.

- **April 12, 1963:** King and Ralph Abernathy are arrested in Birmingham. King pens his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" four days later.
- **June 23, 1963:** King leads 125,000 people on a Freedom Walk in Detroit, Michigan.
- **August 28, 1963:** The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom takes place, attracting more than 200,000 demonstrators at the Lincoln Memorial. Here King delivers his "I Have a Dream" speech. Later in the day, King and other civil rights leaders meet with President Kennedy in the White House.
- **January 18, 1964:** President Lyndon B. Johnson meets with King and seeks support for his War on Poverty initiative.
- **March 26, 1964:** King meets Malcom X in Washington, D.C. This was their first and only meeting.
- **December 10, 1964:** King receives the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway.
- **August 12, 1965:** King publicly opposes the Vietnam War at a rally in Birmingham.
- **March 28, 1968:** During a march of 6,000 protestors in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, King is rushed from the scene after violence and looting begins.
- **April 3, 1968:** King delivers his last speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop," in Memphis.
- **April 4, 1968:** King is fatally shot while standing on a balcony at the Lorraine Hotel.
- **November 2, 1986:** A national holiday is proclaimed in King's honor.

# JANUARY

## LOCAL EVENT CALENDAR

### CHECK SCHEDULE

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## BGSU HOCKEY HOME GAMES

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Jan. 3: BGSU Falcons vs. Ohio State Buckeyes

Jan. 16: BGSU Falcons vs. Lake Superior State Lakers

Jan. 17: BGSU Falcons vs. Lake Superior State Lakers

Jan. 31: BGSU Falcons vs. Notre Dame Fighting Irish

### JANUARY 10



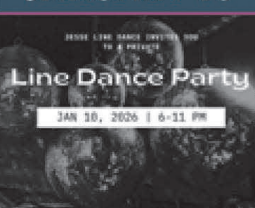
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### JANUARY 10



## LINE DANCE PARTY

**Circle P Reception Hall** 5419 Co Rd 139, Findlay

### Enjoy a fun night of line dancing from 6 to 11 pm

Bring your friends, your favorite drinks and your request list! Tickets are \$10/person, cash. You'll pay at the door. Note: Event is BYOB but we will have some pop and water available for a small donation (donations will go to the American Cancer Society).

### JANUARY 11



## FUNDAY SUNDAY BIRTHDAY PARTY USA's 250th BIRTHDAY

**Mazza Museum @ University of Findlay** 201 College St, Findlay

### Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a birthday party

Enjoy hands-on activities, STEAM fun, visits with author/illustrator duo Peter and Cheryl Barnes, reenactors, birthday cake, free books, face painting, and more! You won't want to miss this free community event!



This information was pulled from community websites and was considered current at press time. We apologize for any information that may have been changed/updated after this edition was printed.

**JANUARY 13**



## **BLIZZARD OF '78 REMEMBERED**

**Findlay-Hancock County Public Library** 206 Broadway St, Findlay

**Free community event in the Lindamood Room from 6 - 7:30 pm**

Personal experiences of Northwest Ohio residents during the 1978 blizzard make up this PBS documentary. Stories include a helicopter rescue of an expectant mother, effects on emergency services and methods people used to survive without electricity and heat.

**JANUARY 17**



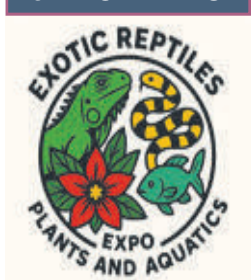
## **THREE DOG NIGHT**

**The Ritz Theatre** 30 S Washington St, Tiffin

**Tickets on sale at [ritztheatre.org](http://ritztheatre.org), show starts at 7:30 pm**

Legendary band Three Dog Night, now in its sixth decade, dominated popular music from 1969-1974 with more Top 10 hits, record sales, and concert tickets than any group. Their classics like "Joy to the World," "Shambala," and "One" remain staples across radio, film, and television. Sponsored by Blanchard Valley Health System.

**JANUARY 18**



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**JANUARY 23**



## **CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM: THE MUSICAL**

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# GETTING TO KNOW THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



**T**he Declaration of Independence is a formal document that served as the signatory colonies' statement that they were now "free and independent States." It is a vital document in American history.

On July 1, 1776, delegates from the original 13 colonies, making up the Second Continental Congress, met in Philadelphia to vote on Richard Henry Lee's motion for independence. After some deliberation, ultimately 12 of the 13 delegates voted in favor. In recognition of those 12 delegates, here are 12 facts regarding the Declaration of Independence.

1. The drafted document was officially adopted on July 4, 1776, two days after freedom from Britain was approved. However, most delegates signed the document on August 2, 1776, while others signed on a later date. John Dickinson and Robert R. Livingston never signed the Declaration of Independence.
2. John Dunlap was the official printer of Congress at the time. He worked all night and into the morning of July 5 to produce the large, single-sided sheet, known as a broadside. About 200 copies of Dunlap's broadside were made.
3. The University of Virginia owns two copies of a rare early printing of the Declaration. It is on display in the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library. It is believed the copy once belonged to George Washington.
4. Benjamin Franklin, George Read, Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, George Clymer, and James Wilson signed both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.
5. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were hidden at Fort Knox during World War II, two weeks after Pearl Harbor was attacked.
6. Despite what the movie "National Treasure" will have one believe, the message on the back of the document is visible and reads "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."

7. Richard Stockton, a lawyer from New Jersey, was a signer of the Declaration who later recanted his support of the American revolution. He subsequently swore his allegiance to King George III after being captured by the British.
8. In 1989, an original Dunlap Broadside was found hidden behind a picture a Philadelphia man bought at a flea market for \$4. It later sold for \$8.1 million. Ultimately, 26 copies of the original prints have been found.
9. The United States celebrates Independence Day on July 4th, even though independence was accepted on July 2nd.
10. Early on, not everyone in America was supportive of the Declaration of Independence. Partisan politics led to discord. Federalist John Adams was feuding with Republicans and Thomas Jefferson. The anniversary date of the signing was not widely celebrated until the Federalists were no longer involved in politics.
11. The one-year anniversary of Independence Day and the celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence slipped the minds of Congress in 1777. When they remembered it was July 3rd, they planned a last-minute celebration on July 4th, and each year thereafter.
12. John Trumbull's painting "Declaration of Independence," which was made into a lithograph replica by Ralph Trembly, hangs in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. It is a fictional depiction of the five-man drafting committee presenting their draft to Congress, and not the signing. The painting shows 42 of the 56 signees, since Trumbull couldn't get likenesses of all involved. The men featured in the painting were never all in the room at the same time during the Declaration's debate and signing.

The Declaration of Independence is a key document in American history, and its words are celebrated each Independence Day.

## 21 & Up

Bar .....	<b>Fern Café</b>
Bar Food .....	<b>Beer Barrel Pizza &amp; Grill</b>
Beer Selection .....	<b>Findlay Brewing Company</b>
Cocktails .....	<b>The Bourbon Affair</b>
Craft Beer Selection .....	<b>Findlay Brewing Company</b>
Happy Hour .....	<b>Fern Café</b>
Margarita .....	<b>Oler's Bar &amp; Grill</b>
Smoke Shop .....	<b>The Attic Smoke Shop &amp; Glass Art</b>
Sports Bar .....	<b>Fricker's</b>
Wine Selection .....	<b>Wine Merchant</b>

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## Food & Dining

Appetizers .....	<b>Beer Barrel Pizza &amp; Grill</b>
Asian Food .....	<b>Hunan Gardens</b>
Bakery .....	<b>Fort Findlay Coffee &amp; Doughnut Shoppe</b>
BBQ .....	<b>Miller's Meats, BBQ &amp; Catering</b>
Breakfast .....	<b>Dark Horse Restaurant</b>
Burger .....	<b>Beckett's Burger Bar</b>
Coffee .....	<b>Coffee Amici</b>
Deli .....	<b>Main Street Deli and Arcade</b>
Donuts .....	<b>Fort Findlay Coffee &amp; Doughnut Shoppe</b>
Fast Food .....	<b>Chick-fil-A</b>
Fish .....	<b>Captain D's</b>
Food Truck .....	<b>Not Your Mama's Grilled Cheese Food Truck</b>
French Fries .....	<b>Five Guys</b>
Ice Cream .....	<b>Dietsch Brothers</b>
Italian Food .....	<b>Rossilli's Restaurant</b>

## Health & Wellness

Golf .....	<b>Hillcrest Golf Club</b>
Health & Fitness Center .....	<b>50 North</b>
Health Store .....	<b>Apple-A-Day</b>
Martial Arts Studio .....	<b>Academy of Martial Arts Studies</b>
Massage .....	<b>Journey Salon &amp; Day Spa</b>
Yoga .....	<b>50 North</b>

## Arts & Entertainment

Event .....	<b>Flag City Balloon Fest</b>
Event Venue .....	<b>Marathon Center For The Performing Arts</b>
Family Entertainment .....	<b>Hancock County Fair</b>
Live Music Venue .....	<b>Marathon Center For The Performing Arts</b>
Local Band .....	<b>Reunion Band</b>
Trivia Night .....	<b>Fern Café</b>

## Beauty

Beauty Salon .....	<b>A Place of Joy</b>
Hair Salon .....	<b>A Place of Joy</b>
Kids' Haircut .....	<b>Untangled Hair Salons</b>
Manicure/Pedicure .....	<b>DREAM Nails &amp; Spa</b>
Mens' Haircut .....	<b>Larry's Hair Styling &amp; Tanning</b>
Tanning Services .....	<b>Sun Express Tanning Salon</b>
Tattoo Shop .....	<b>Black Sheep Tattoo</b>

## Healthcare

Chiropractic Practice .....	<b>Kirk Chiropractic</b>
Dental Practice .....	<b>Anderson Family Dentist</b>
Eye Care Services .....	<b>Eyes on Main - Findlay</b>
Hearing Aid Center .....	<b>Findlay Hearing Center</b>
Medical Practice .....	<b>Blanchard Valley Medical Associates</b>
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# Tips to clear a Cluttered Home

**Keeping kitchen counters clear of unnecessary items can save the room from succumbing to clutter.**

The dawn of a new year is often characterized as a chance to wipe the slate clean and start anew. The tradition of making New Year's resolutions reinforces that characterization, as many people resolve to turn over a new leaf and commit to a year of self-improvement on January 1.

While the phrase "wipe the slate clean" may be figurative, some also might take it literally, particularly in regard to their homes. Those who want to turn over a new leaf in a cluttered home can consider these storage solutions to give spaces a fresh and less claustrophobic feel in the year ahead.

• **Clear kitchen countertops.** Kitchens are the most popular rooms in many homes, and that popularity can come with a cost. Clutter can quickly accumulate on kitchen countertops, which is both inconvenient when preparing meals at home and unsightly to residents and guests. Appliances used with frequency, such as coffee machines and toasters, can be given countertop real estate, but store lesser used items, like blenders and waffle makers, in cabinets or pantries. Mail or materials sent home from children's schools also can pile up in a kitchen, so resolve to go through the mail each day and discard unnecessary items. School papers can be read when children arrive home from school and any that need to be kept can be stored in a folder placed inside a drawer in the kitchen or a home office.

• **Install drawer dividers.** Drawer dividers can help clear up cluttered spaces that might not be visible to the naked eye. Dividers inserted into kitchen drawers can ensure leftover containers are stored neatly and are easily accessible. Drawer dividers in a home office space can make sure desks don't fall victim to disorganization, which can make it harder to find supplies and important documents.

• **Consider furniture that pulls double duty.** Some home furnishings are more than meets the eye, and that multifunctional utility can help people conquer cluttered spaces. Storage ottomans are a prime example of furniture that serves multiple purposes. Blankets and throws left out on chairs and couches can make living areas feel more cramped and less organized. A storage ottoman can be a great solution in such spaces, providing both a place to put one's feet and also a clever storage solution for blankets and pillows. A coffee table with a small drawer or two can make for a multifunctional centerpiece to store remote controls, coasters and other small items that can encourage the buildup of clutter if left out when the room is not in use. A storage bench in bedrooms and guestrooms also can ensure these spaces stay clear of clutter.

• **Think vertical.** It might be possible to work your way up if storage is a problem in certain areas of the home. Vertical storage solutions might be especially useful in areas like a garage, which can be difficult to navigate if garden tools and other outdoor items are left on a floor. Overhead storage racks that utilize a crank to raise and lower the rack when items need to be accessed and stored can be great ways to store holiday decorations and other items. Kitchens with high ceilings also can employ a hanging pot rack to create more cabinet space and reduce the amount of items that need to be stored on countertops.

Clutter can quickly take over a home. But some simple storage solutions may be all anyone needs to more effectively organize a home.



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