



# At Home

*Making the Most of Living in a Cowboy  
Properties Community  
Nov. 10, 2023*

## Clearing The Chaos

It's a great time to do some decluttering before the holidays. Decluttering now will help get your house ready for gatherings and for new items coming in. It's easy to feel overwhelmed, so focus on these items.

### Outgrown Toys and Bikes

Go through toys that your kids aren't playing with to make room for new ones.

### Unwanted or Broken Holiday Decorations

That garland might have looked good on the staircase of your old apartment but if you don't have a spot for it in your current home, donate it or toss it.

### Gifts You've Never Used

Stop holding on to things out of guilt. Sell them on KSL or Facebook Marketplace, donate them, or gift them.

### Expired Food, Medication, Cleaning Supplies

Although many foods can be consumed past their expiration date, they may become stale or change their flavor or consistency. Medications and cleaning supplies lose their potency.

### Winter Clothes

If you haven't worn that sweater in two years, it's probably time to donate it. Go through your coats, gloves, hats and boots and donate anything you're not wearing or if it doesn't fit.

### Old Towels and Linens

Animal shelters will often take old towels and blankets. If you need new ones, check out the Black Friday sales.

## Spotless Solutions

We have a mop-timistic attitude towards cleaning. Need to clean your home quickly because a friend or relative is dropping by unexpectedly? Use these tips to help give the appearance of a clean home.

**Narrow Your Focus** - Concentrate on the entryway, living room, kitchen and the bathroom your guests are most likely to use.

**De-clutter** - Grab a box or laundry basket and toss clutter from the entryway and living room into it to hide in a spare room or closet. Straighten books and magazines, neaten and fluff blankets and pillows. Clear off kitchen counter, put dirty dishes in the dishwasher. Hide kitchen clutter in the oven in a pinch. Clear toiletries from the bathroom and stash them under the sink. Throw away trash. Close doors of any cluttered rooms.

**Wipe Down and Vacuum** - All-purpose cleaner is your friend. Use a cloth or vacuum to dust tabletops and bookshelves in the living room. Wipe down the kitchen counter, spot cleaning other areas if necessary (fingerprints on fridge, food splatters on stovetop, etc.). Pass the vacuum over the floors and spot clean hardwood floors if necessary. In the bathroom, wipe down the counter, sink and mirror. Scrub the toilet seat and bowl. Close shower curtain.

**Hospitality** - Make sure clean towels, soaps and toilet paper are in the bathroom. Chill water or other drinks and find clean drinking glasses. Light a candle or spray air freshener.

## Events of the Week

### [Illuminate Light Art + Creative Tech Festival](#)

Nov. 10-11, 5 - 11 PM

Library Square (200 E 400 S, Salt Lake City)  
Artists use Downtown Salt Lake City as a canvas to create projection-mapped artwork, 3D sculptures and other exhibits.

### [Salt Lake Family Christmas Gift Show](#)

Nov. 10-11

Mountain America Expo Center (9575 State St., Sandy)  
Find unique gift ideas, holiday decor and more.

## Assistance Resources

Please let us know if you are having difficulties keeping up with your rent.

We've partnered with [Flex](#) to give you flexibility in how you pay your rent.

### **General Assistance (Utilities, Food, Housing)**

[utahca.org/housing/](http://utahca.org/housing/) or call (801) 359-2444

[211utah.org/](http://211utah.org/) or call 211

<https://jobs.utah.gov/assistance/index.html>

### **Power & Gas Assistance**

<https://www.utahca.org/heat/>

### **Utah Department of Workforce Services Resources**

[jobs.utah.gov/](http://jobs.utah.gov/)

### **Food Resources, and Mobile Food Pantry Dates and Locations**

[slc.gov/sustainability/food-covid/](http://slc.gov/sustainability/food-covid/)

[utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry/](http://utahfoodbank.org/programs/mobile-pantry/)

[feedut.org/](http://feedut.org/)