

# My Holiday Spending Plan

I will plan my holiday spending this year. I will use this form to estimate the costs I'm likely to have, then list the actual expenditures as I shop. I promise to keep a dollar limit in mind. My goal is not to be overwhelmed with bills in January.

## Gifts

Name	Gift	Estimate	Actual
		\$	\$
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		\$	\$
		\$	\$

SUBTOTAL 1 \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Gifts *(Charities, office collections, teachers, etc.)*

Name	Gift	Estimate	Actual
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

SUBTOTAL 2 \_\_\_\_\_

## Gift Wrapping

	Estimate	Actual
Gift boxes .....	_____	_____
Paper .....	_____	_____
Bows, tags, tape .....	_____	_____
Novelty attachments .....	_____	_____
Professional gift wrapping		
Number of gifts ____ @ \$____/gift .....	_____	_____
Tubes, boxes, packing tape to ship .....	_____	_____
Other:		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## Holiday Greetings

Greeting cards .....	_____	_____
Holiday newsletters (paper/printing) .....	_____	_____
Long-distance calls .....	_____	_____

## Postage and Shipping

<b>Cards</b>		
Number of cards ____ @ \$____/card .....	_____	_____
<b>Packages to be sent</b>		
Number of packages __ @ \$____/package ...	_____	_____
Other .....	_____	_____
<b>Pictures</b>		
Printing/CDs/photo cards .....	_____	_____
Professional portraits .....	_____	_____
<b>Photo frames</b>		
# frames ____ @ \$____/each .....	_____	_____

SUBTOTAL 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Travel</b>	Estimate	Actual
Gas for in-town shopping trips .....	_____	_____
<b>Long-distance travel:</b>		
Mileage or airfare .....	_____	_____
Meals on the road .....	_____	_____
Lodging .....	_____	_____
Parking lot/garage, tolls, etc. ....	_____	_____
Other .....	_____	_____

<b>Decorating</b>	Estimate	Actual
Christmas tree and stand .....	_____	_____
Tree decorations .....	_____	_____
Household decorations .....	_____	_____
Greenery (wreaths, garland) .....	_____	_____
Candles .....	_____	_____
Fresh and/or silk flowers .....	_____	_____
Outdoor decorations .....	_____	_____
Outdoor lighting .....	_____	_____

<b>Holiday Baking</b>	Estimate	Actual
Staples (flour, sugar, chocolate chips) .....	_____	_____
Special ingredients (nuts, candied fruit) .....	_____	_____
Equipment .....	_____	_____
Gift containers .....	_____	_____

<b>Entertaining</b>	Estimate	Actual
<b>Entertaining others:</b>		
Function .....	_____	_____
Food cost .....	_____	_____
Beverage cost .....	_____	_____
Invitations and stamps .....	_____	_____
<b>Meals eaten in restaurants</b>		
# of meals ____ @ \$____/meal .....	_____	_____
<b>Being entertained by others:</b>		
Hostess/host gifts .....	_____	_____
Child care .....	_____	_____
# of days/nights ____ @ \$____/per .....	_____	_____
New clothes .....	_____	_____
Dry cleaning (clothes and linens) .....	_____	_____

<b>Entertainment</b>	Estimate	Actual
Seasonal tapes, videos and CDs .....	_____	_____
Movie, play and concert tickets .....	_____	_____

<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Estimate	Actual
Professional carpet cleaning .....	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SUBTOTAL 4 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Grand Total</b>	Estimate	Actual
SUBTOTAL 1 .....	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL 2 .....	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL 3 .....	_____	_____
SUBTOTAL 4 .....	_____	_____
TOTAL HOLIDAY EXPENDITURES .....	_____	_____

Did I keep within my spending plan?

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