



7 household jobs to do before winter

Get ready for winter with these end-of-autumn tasks

The leaves are falling and winter is almost here, so make the most of the milder days to do all those odd jobs around the house. Donna Hole, head of Trade Services at hipages, Australia's go-to app for finding and hiring a tradie, says now that we're in the midst of autumn, get jobs done and save yourself the hassle later when the weather is cold and wet. She suggests seven projects to do before winter arrives.

Tree felling

Low hanging branches that impinge on your neighbour's property or are a risk to your own backyard could become more of a risk in winter. Tree felling is not a 'do-it-yourself' job; it requires a great deal of precaution to ensure branches are removed in a safe and controlled manner, so be sure to call in a professional. Do this as a precautionary measure before our temperamental wet and windy weather sets in, which could create more problems for untreated loose and low hanging branches.

Drafting

If you've been looking to extend or renovate your property, now is an ideal time to consult a draftsman. Typically, the end of autumn is a quieter time for draftsmen as homeowners usually plan renovations in the lead up to summer. Take advantage of their slower periods so your project has their undivided attention. There is also no harm in having your plans drawn up sooner rather than later.

Roof repairs

It may not be the first job that comes to mind when thinking of your next home improvement task, but repairing your roof is imperative, particularly at this time of the year. Ensuring your roof is in good condition prior to the wet weather kicking in is a good safeguard measure.

Pest control

Pests have a tendency to seek shelter in the cooler months, and your home is the perfect place for them to find solace. Get a pest control company in to treat your home for all the unwanted creepy crawlies and vermin that will migrate to your home over the next few months. By treating the issue now, you can defer a larger problem occurring later.

Windows

While your windows may not be broken, they may need to be resealed or reglazed in preparation for the cold months ahead. Poorly sealed windows and doors allow cool air to seep in and warm air to leak out. Not only will there be an imbalance in air temperature in the home, the transfer of cool air inside and warm air outside will contribute to your energy bill.

Your kitchen

If your kitchen isn't an efficient workspace or could use some sprucing up, consider a kitchen renovation or restoration. Winter is great time to cook, so why not get your kitchen ready for the extra hours you may be spending in there over the next few months.

Gasfitting

If your heating and hot water runs off gas, now is the best time to make sure everything is in good condition. Don't wait until winter to find out there are issues with your gas heating or hot water system – get them serviced now by a professional gas fitting service. It's important not to check or try to fix gas appliances yourself, as this can be dangerous. Be sure to call in a qualified gas fitter.

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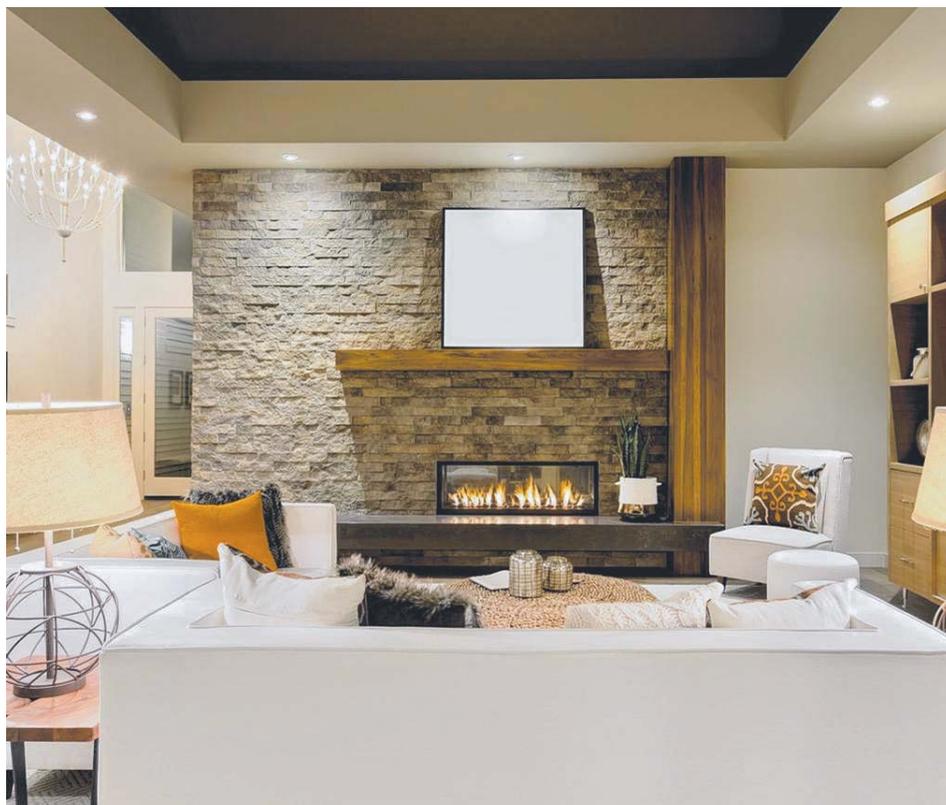


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