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Now is the winter to fix home discontent



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AUGUST is the last month of the coldest season of the year and you can finally start to feel the warmth in the air.

Get your home ready for spring with some home improvement jobs.

Plant a garden year round

With spring just around the corner – the optimal time to have a flourishing garden – look at getting the space ready. Weeding, pruning, fertilising and mulching as much as possible now will put your garden in great stead for spring. The garden will appreciate the extra nutrients when the plants come out of dormancy as the weather warms up.

Get decked out for the warmer months

If you don't have decking, August is a great month to have it installed. Thank yourself when the warmer months are here that you've got an outdoor area to entertain and host friends.

Decking installers are often busiest in the summer months, so tee up the job now while it isn't peak season. Regardless of the space you have, there are designs that will suit.

Automate your lighting

Automated lighting is one way to make your place even more

secure. Many people travel during summer, leaving their place unattended.

Think about automated lighting now so you're ready for when you do decide to go on vacation. Automated lighting comes with an app that makes it possible to control the lighting from your phone, wherever you may happen to be.

Check out your carpets

Carpets can wear out, so you may need yours replaced. If the carpet is in decent shape, it may just need a quick freshen up for it to look new again. All the moisture, wet shoes and mud from the winter months may have made its way into your home, affecting the health of your carpet.

Hire a handyman for indoor and outdoor projects

For all those odd jobs you may have put off during winter, now is the time to call in the handyman. For those smaller

jobs, like building a pet house, a doggie door, even a chicken coop, a good handyman is the way to go. Before hiring a handyman, make a list of all the jobs you need doing so you only pay one call-out fee – it will be less expensive and they can work more efficiently.

Painting the outside of the house

Get the exterior of your house looking fresh and bright just in time for spring. A lick of paint can make all the difference to the look of your place.

Why not go for something lighter for the impending warmer weather? Also, if you're looking to sell your

place, spring is the peak time, so get your home in shape with a coat of paint to get the best price possible for your property.

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