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Plan now to freshen up, both indoors and out

There's nothing like a good clean up to blow away the cobwebs of winter

Are you thinking of putting your house on the market? Or simply sick of all the clutter that has accumulated throughout the year? Want to sort a few things out before the frenzy of the festive season hits?

The thought of having a good clear out is daunting but Donna Hole, head of Trade Services at hipages, Australia's go-to app for finding and hiring a tradie, has some tips to ease your pain.

"The new season is well and truly upon us, so it's time to give your home a refresh," she says.

"Clean up of all those things you put off during winter."

The kitchen

It's time to get your kitchen looking fresh with a thorough clean of all your kitchen necessities.

Scrub the inside of your oven using bicarb soda and water; clean and deodorise your microwave with water and bicarb soda; remove build-up on your kettle with white vinegar; and organise and clean your cabinets with a wipe out and organisational inserts.

You can use products you already have at home to give your kitchen a vigorous spring clean. If your oven is proving to be a bit stubborn, a professional oven cleaner will can help.

The living room

If your living room is in need of a fresh coat of paint, consider tackling this job in spring, before the summer weather hits.

Also, look into a professional carpet and curtain cleaning service to get rid of germs that have built up over the winter months and can have adverse effects on your health.

Your airconditioner will also need a clean out in preparation for its use in summer.

The bedroom

If you have a pile of old clothes you've been meaning to throw away, now is the time to finally do it. Simply wash them and give them to an op shop.

Once you've decluttered your wardrobe and yours drawers and freed up some space, consider organising it so your clothes are easily accessible and neatly stowed.

Closet-organising systems are inexpensive and are a great solution for a messy wardrobe. Talk to a professional organiser if you need a hand in perfecting your wardrobe.

Consider buying new sheets. There's nothing quite like the feeling of fresh sheets, and you will need a lighter set to take you through to summer.

Don't wait

Summer will be here before you know it, so roll up your sleeves and get your place in tip-top shape for the months ahead. You will thank yourself when the hot weather rolls around.

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The outdoors

Don't forget to give your garden a tidy, too. Spring is the peak time for your garden to flourish – but unfortunately it's not just plants that have a growth spurt.

Get rid of existing weeds that have popped up during winter and discourage future weed growth by mulching different areas of the yard.

Doing work in the garden now will help make it a thriving oasis for the remainder of the year.

A good garden clean up will prepare you for hours of outdoor entertaining throughout the hotter months ahead.

And if you are short on time, your local lawn and maintenance service can make this a breeze.



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