

YOUR CHRISTMAS CLEANUP CHECKLIST

ALFRESCO

CLEANING CHECKLIST

- Remove cob webs
- Wash down or Pressure spray paving
- Wash the barbeque, and stock up on a fresh gas cylinder
- De-clutter, use simple storage boxes to gather loose items and house these in a small shed or cupboard out of sight, don't forget to label items
- Remove sad looking pot plants, and keep only those looking healthy
- Update potted plants by painting the pots they are housed in or re-pot plants to freshen up your space
- Conceal your bins behind a basic screen
- Clean outdoor furniture and windows

SPRUCE UP AND DECORATION TIPS

- Consider adding some accent seating to brighten up the space
- Invest in new outdoor cushions
- Set up your alfresco table with a festive centrepiece or quickly transform it with a new tablecloth
- Consider an outdoor rug to add style to your outdoor area
- Invest in some new side tables
- Create additional seating or a lounging area out in the garden by investing in a new shade umbrella
- Add accent lighting elements with string lights or LED garden lights to highlight attractive elements in your garden
- Consider new potted plants for Christmas with festive colours, red, white, yellow and orange
- Get creative with alternatives to the traditional Christmas tree
- Accessorize your space with hanging lanterns and tea lights for instant atmosphere
- Brightly coloured buckets or galvanised troughs filled with ice provide a fun way to keep your drinks cool when entertaining. This avoids cluttering up your fridge.
- Consider accent decoration in keeping with the holiday season; avoid creating the false illusion of being somewhere cold though!

GARDEN

CLEANING CHECKLIST

- Remove weeds from paving and garden beds
- Add new mulch to gardens near your entertaining space and front entry
- Tidy up messy shrubs, prune or remove old dead growth and leaves
- Mow your lawn and trim the lawn edges the day before you have your guests. Lawns always look their best soon after mowing, and before any weeds can shoot up higher than the grass leaf blades

SPRUCE UP AND DECORATION TIPS

- Add in accent, potted colour or lush new shrubs in and around visual entertaining spaces
- Invest in a small blower to efficiently tidy up areas quickly and efficiently
- Add accent lights to one or a few garden accent plants or trees to transform your garden