

# CUSTOMER GUIDE REFRESH YOUR HOME THIS SPRING

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After a long winter with various storms, strong winds and heavy rain, we are all longing for the better weather and brighter days.

With the longer days just around the corner you will want to ensure you can enjoy as much time outdoors or doing things you love, as opposed to carrying out household chores and more.

Prior to the season change we have some helpful tips and advice to help you get your home prepared and refreshed for spring.

### 1. Check smoke alarms

This is a quick and easy task and should be carried out on a regular basis, so add it into your seasonal household chores. Test your smoke alarm and replace batteries once every 6 months.

# 2. Clean out your dryer vent / filters

Clearing out the vents in your dryer and filters can help avoid fires, you should do this regularly to ensure all risks are minimised.

### 3. Declutter your home

This is a perfect time to take the opportunity to get organised and throw away anything you no longer use / need. We all have plenty of items in storage and throughout our homes that we no longer need or want. Use this as a time to free up space. It is also a great time to clear out unused clothes in our wardrobes.

# 4. Plan a deep clean

Who doesn't love a good spring clean? Get a deep clean planned and clean your home from top to bottom, pulling out furniture, rearranging rooms, washing curtains and blinds, beddings, windows, scrubbing showers, bathrooms, fridge and freezers and flooring. There is nothing more satisfying that completing a deep clean.

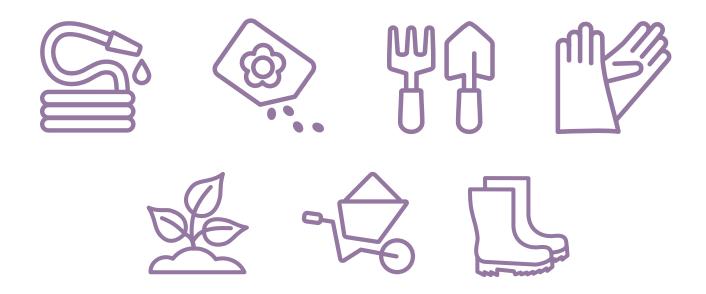


### 5. Refresh décor

With your deep clean and decluttering done, you may want to refresh some décor and fine furnishings. This will give your home a nice fresh facelift for the new season ahead.

## 6. Get your garden ready

Now is your time to brighten up your garden and introduce spring flowers and colours. Remove leaves and debris which may have gathered during the winter weather and introduce a pop of colour to your planting pots etc.



#### 7. Wash down garden furniture

We all hope spring and summer weather allows us more time outdoors. So it's time to get your garden furniture out, washed down and in place for the warmer weather.

#### 8. Clean out gutters and drains

Following the wet and bad weather leaves and dirt can build up in your gutters, so no better time than spring to carry out this task and ensure your gutters are not blocked or damaged.

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