



# LOOKING AFTER YOUR BIGGEST PURCHASE

**Top 5 Summer Jobs To Make  
Your Home Look New (and  
Keep It That Way)**

## 1 - WASH THE EXTERIOR (HOUSE & WINDOWS)

Why: Removes grime, pollen, and mildew so paint lasts longer and the house looks crisp.

What to do (1–3 hrs):

- ☐ Hose down walls; apply a house-wash solution
- ☐ Soft-brush stubborn areas; rinse from top down.
- ☐ Clean windows (microfibre + squeegee).

Tools/Materials: Hose, soft brush, extendable pole, house-wash (or 1:15 bleach:water for moss/mold), squeegee.

Safety: Avoid forcing water up behind cladding/vents; be careful on ladders and around power.

## 2 - DEEP-CLEAN & RECOAT THE DECK

Why: UV and rain punish timber; cleaning + oil/stain brings colour back and protects it.

What to do (½–1 day):

- ☐ Sweep; apply deck wash and scrub along the grain; hose off and let dry fully. Do not waterblast.
- ☐ Light sand high-wear spots; apply 1–2 coats of decking oil or stain.

Tools/Materials: Deck cleaner, stiff brush, orbital sander (optional), oil/stain, applicator pad or brush.

Tip: Two thin coats beat one heavy coat. Check the weather window (24–48 hrs dry).

## 3 - CLEAN GUTTERS & FRESHEN FASCIAS

Why: Prevents overflow/rot and sharpens the roofline visually.

What to do (1–2 hrs):

- ☐ Scoop debris; flush with hose; check downpipes are clear.
- ☐ Wipe fascias/soffits with sugar soap; touch up paint where needed.

Tools/Materials: Ladder, gloves, gutter scoop, hose, bucket, sugar soap, exterior touch-up paint.

Safety: Use a stable ladder; don't lean into voids; consider gutter-guard if trees are nearby.

#### 4 - RE-CAULK, RE-SEAL, RE-LUBE (KITCHENS, BATHROOMS, DOORS/WINDOWS)

Why: Stops leaks/drafts, looks cleaner, and extends life of wet areas and joinery.

What to do (1–3 hrs):

- ☐ Cut out moldy silicone around sinks/showers; re-silicone (mold-resistant).
- ☐ Inspect window/door seals; replace compressed weatherstrips.
- ☐ Lubricate hinges/locks/sliders with silicone spray or graphite (not cooking oil!).

Tools/Materials: Utility knife, silicone remover, mold-resistant silicone, caulking gun, replacement seals, silicone spray/graphite.

Tip: Mask edges for tidy silicone lines; smooth with a damp finger or profiling tool.

#### 5 - FRONT-ENTRY REFRESH (INSTANT CURB APPEAL)

Why: Small changes at the entry dramatically lift first impressions.

What to do (2–4 hrs):

- ☐ Wash/paint the front door or touch up chips.
- ☐ Replace tired hardware (handles, numbers, letterplate).
- ☐ Clean/upgrade exterior light; add a fresh doormat and two planters.

Tools/Materials: Exterior paint/enamel, small roller/brush, new hardware, outdoor-rated bulb/fitting, planters/seasonal plants.

Tip: Choose a bold, complementary door colour; warm light (2700–3000K) feels welcoming.

#### QUICK BONUS WINS (30–60 MINS EACH)

- ☐ Driveway/paving water-blast (careful on soft surfaces).
- ☐ Garden edge + mulch high-visibility beds.
- ☐ Filters: Clean rangehood, heat pump, bathroom fans.
- ☐ Safety check: Test smoke alarms; note expiry dates.

#### WHAT TO TACKLE FIRST (ORDER OF OPERATIONS)


- ☐ Gutters & roofline
- ☐ Exterior wash (house/windows)
- ☐ Deck clean → dry → oil/stain
- ☐ Caulking/seals/lube

☐ Front-entry refresh & bonus wins

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