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inspired by the landscape
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PAINT IT UP

A recently renovated or built house always looks good – everything is pristine and the freshly painted walls really make it glow. Capture the ‘new house’ look by touching up your walls with a fresh coat of paint. Stick to the same colour or try a new shade that lightens the room and makes you smile – duck egg blue is the most popular choice this season.

FEEL THE DRAUGHT?

Stop cold air creeping into your home with Moroday weather seal products. Designed to prevent everything from draughts and dust to rain and smoke coming inside, the seals are self-adhesive, easy to apply and fit both doors and windows. By covering all the cracks and gaps from which hot air escapes and cold breeze enters means you’ll also save money on your energy bills!



Moroday weather seal products, from \$6.95, Master Distributors, available at Bunnings.

OUTDOORS

Now that the inside of your house is shipshape, it’s time to focus on the outside! We asked Justin Dibble from award-winning landscape firm Fluid Design all about the advantages of a well-maintained outdoor space and his top care tips for keeping your alfresco area looking fabulous!

ADVANTAGES

A garden and outdoor area should be looked after to preserve the overall look, growth, vision and style intended for it; it will reward you for the attention you give it on an ongoing basis. Achieving this may entail some basic maintenance like fertilising and pruning to allow your plants to perform at their best. Gardens and outdoor areas will most definitely add value to your home and, more importantly, bring joy to your life.



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CARE TIPS FOR YOUR OUTDOOR AREA

- Mow your lawn frequently and trim hedges and shrubs to keep them looking neat.
- Garden maintenance such as weeding, fertilising, top-dressing, watering and pruning needs to be done regularly. Re-mulch at the end of winter so the soil is ready to retain moisture during summer.
- Oil timber decking and furniture once every three months or so to maintain their original colour and to ensure they last. Try Cabot's Aquadeck – a long lasting, water-based alternative to solvent based decking oils, it will last twice as long and you can re-coat in three hours, cutting application times.

BEFORE



Cabot's Aquadeck,
\$74.17 RRP (4 litre)

AFTER



- Swimming pools can be almost completely automated these days which means you don't even need to scoop out the leaves. If you're unsure of the correct chemical levels for your pool, go to your local pool shop with a sample of water and get them to test it for you; they can then recommend a good balance for it and also help with the management of its chemical requirements across all seasons to keep the water looking fresh and inviting.
- It's a good idea to have paved areas cleaned and sealed correctly to preserve them. Sealing pavers will make life a lot easier when cleaning up any mess from kids' parties as well as red wine or leaf stains.



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