



10 THINGS TO DO BEFORE CHRISTMAS

- 1 **Do a de-clutter**
Get rid of those old towels and linen, clean up those closets and chuck out those broken kids' toys. Take a day to de-clutter everything before a whole new haul of Christmas goodies litters the house.
- 2 **Get the pool and yard looking ace**
Yes, yard work is exhausting, especially in the heat. But you can do it! Get the kids to help or hire someone to do the dirty work for you and enjoy a more calming outdoor area that is also ready for cyclone season.
- 3 **Wipe down the patio furniture**
While you're at it, gurney the patio and the driveway too.
- 4 **Clean your kitchen**
Oven, microwave, cupboards – give everything a good wipe down and enjoy a sanitised cooking space in the lead-up to the Christmas chaos.
- 5 **Give your roof a once-over**
While hubby is hanging the Christmas lights outside (see how I just snuck in the job of hanging the Christmas lights?), have him double check the roof for any loose tiles, eaves and screws, and clean out the gutters.
- 6 **Get your gas**
Refill your gas bottles to prepare for the BBQ season. Might as well give the BBQ a good clean too.
- 7 **Clean the air cons**
Remove the excess dirt and enjoy an air con that works better, costs less and doesn't emit nasties into the air.
- 8 **Detail the car**
Or at least remove the takeaway wrappers and squished muesli bars from underneath the baby's car seat.
- 9 **Wash those windows**
Another daunting job that will pay off - your home will look and feel so much cleaner.
- 10 **Pack your cyclone kit**
Check that you've got the essentials – non-perishable food, bottled water, batteries, torches, first aid kit, etc. Check out the cyclone ready blog on www.pakmag.com.au for more information.



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