

# Seller's Gardening Checklist

## 1. Declutter

- Remove any extra/broken outdoor furniture that you don't intend to take with you to your next home
- Dismantle and remove any swing sets, sandpits, old trampolines, tree/cubby houses or unused sheds, which are past their prime. If they are no longer usable, and aren't going with you, then they need to go
- Go through all of the kids' outdoor toys. Donate or bin anything they no longer play with
- Clear away garden gnomes and ornaments, highly ornate pots and general garden bric-a-brac. You might love them, but buyers don't need to be distracted by them
- Clear out, or store away, any extra gardening equipment
- Assess your planter pots/boxes etc. Anything that is damaged, either repair, replace or dispose

## 2. Tidy Up

- Designate a spot for kids toys to be stored whilst selling the property. A shed is ideal, otherwise a discreet corner, or under a window so that they are not visible from inside the house
- Make any necessary repairs to the furniture that is staying. Ensure you give it a good clean
- If there are mismatched furniture items, consider painting or staining them the same colour, and/or using stylish cushions, chair covers
- Consider sanding back and re-staining the deck, stairs and any banisters/balustrades. It's amazing the lift that freshly stained timber can give to any space
- Store rubbish bins as out of sight as possible. If there is room, consider storing them in the garage or shed during viewings
- Mow lawn, weed gardens (including pots), trim edges and overgrown trees/shrubs

## 3. Deep clean

- Give the rubbish bins a good clean, inside and out. Ensure no aromas remain
- Clear off and clean all hard surfaces (patios, paths, decks) with a high-pressure washer, if possible
- Clear out and deep clean any water features (ponds, fountains, waterfalls)
- If there is a pool, make sure its maintenance is up to date and it looks bright and sparkling
- Clean any oil marks in garage or driveway, and clean garage door
- Remove all spider webs from outdoor area, garage and sheds
- If there is a shed that's staying, clean down walls and windows, clear leaf debris from the roof

## 8. Ongoing maintenance during viewings

- Keep lawns, edges and weeds maintained
- Sweep paved areas
- Clear debris from pool/spa water
- Clean any animal mess