



how to decorate

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OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP

PORCH AND PATIO

- ❑ Sweep porch ceilings, walls and floors to clear away cobwebs
- ❑ Hose down or power-wash porch or patio; treat mildew spots with one part oxygen bleach to three parts water
- ❑ Pull patio furniture out of storage and plan outdoor spaces
- ❑ Wash all outdoor furniture
- ❑ Freshen up seating areas: clean or replace rugs, pillows and cushions, drapery and/or umbrellas

GARDEN SPACE

- ❑ Clean out any weeds or dead foliage
- ❑ Trim and prune trees and shrubs (talk to a local horticulturist or arborist if you're unsure about which plants need pruning)
- ❑ Add fresh soil and/or mulch to beds
- ❑ Cut and divide perennials
- ❑ Take inventory of plants and decide what needs to be replaced
- ❑ Clean out planters and replace dead plants; rethink planter placement

OTHER AREAS

- ❑ Clean up and set up grill and refill propane tanks if necessary
- ❑ Clean out gutters
- ❑ Hose down or power-wash house exterior and doors; touch-up paint as needed
- ❑ Wash windows and tracks
- ❑ Wash screens and check for tears that need repair
- ❑ Clean outdoor lighting fixtures and replace bulbs
- ❑ Check hoses for cracks and leaks; store on a hose holder
- ❑ Check driveway, sidewalks, retaining walls and other structures for damage