

10 STEPS

TO A SAFER, HEALTHIER AND MORE COMFORTABLE

HOME

1 Keep your bathroom clean and working

- Plumbing checked for leaks and repaired.
- Toilets, tubs, showers, and sinks cleared and ready to use.
- Expired medications, make-up, creams, lotions, and sunscreen thrown out.

2 Clear your stove

- Paper, cloth, and other fire hazards cleared from cooking area.
- Stove checked for electrical faults or gas leaks.

3 Keep food safe

- Refrigerator and freezer in proper working order.
- Outdated and spoiled food discarded.
- Counters and dishes cleaned.
- Proper bins for food waste disposal.

4 Reduce the clutter

- Stacks of boxes lowered and safely stored.
- Weight of items in boxes reduced.
- Clutter removed from doorways, stairways, windows, and main living areas.

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Avoid the use of extension cords and replace damaged cords

- Electrical cords checked for damages.
- Refrigerators, stoves, toasters, microwaves, and space heaters plugged directly into wall outlets.

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Remove your garbage regularly

- Proper bins for food waste disposal.
- Clear sink for dish washing or dishwasher in working order.
- Furniture, carpet, and other sensitive areas checked for pests.

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Clear your heater by at least one metre

- One metre (3 ft) distance between all heat sources and anything that can burn.

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Clear hallways and exits

- Stairs and railings cleared of all items.
- Two exits into your home are clear and accessible.
- One metre (3 ft) pathway cleared throughout your home, including hallways.

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Care for your pets

- Clear access for pets to litter box or outdoor area.
- Proper bins for pet waste disposal.

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Make sure you have working smoke alarms

- Alarms tested.
- Batteries replaced.

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