

Pathways to a Healthy & Safe Home



- Clear 3 feet wide pathways throughout the home including hallways and stairs.

- Reduce all piles to no more than 4 feet above the floor.

- Reduce all piles near windows to below window sill height and keep windows accessible so they can be opened.

- Keep all doors clear of belongings, so that they can be opened freely.

- Keep the stove and oven clear of all clutter, so that the oven door can open completely. Keep paper and other flammable materials at least 1 foot away from the stove top.

- Keep belongings at least 3 feet away from heaters, heating equipment, hot water heaters and electrical panels.

- Regularly remove rotting food, food containers and garbage from the home.

- Keep outlets, surge protectors and extension cords clear of clutter. Do not run extension cords across piles or pathways.

- Be sure there is one working smoke alarm on every level of the home, as well as inside and outside each sleeping area. Smoke alarms should be tested and cleaned monthly.

Once you've got these covered, you're well on your way to a healthy and safe home! Remember, if your home also has structural, electrical, plumbing or infestation issues, then there will be some additional steps to take to ensure a healthy and safe home.