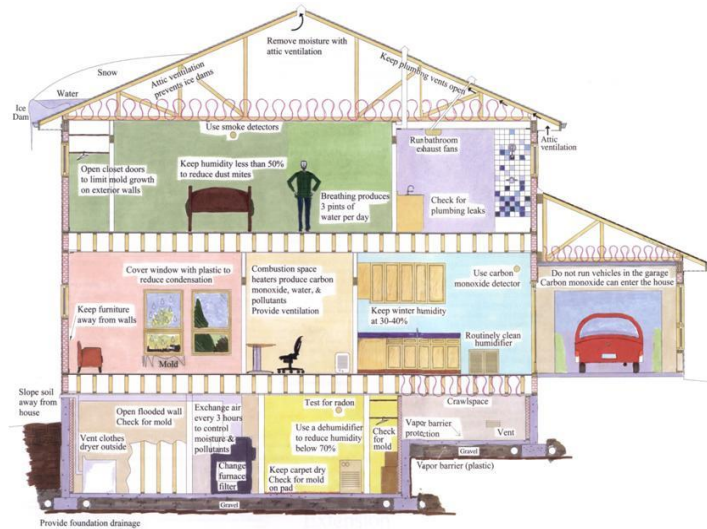




Safe Residence for Your Family

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) encourages you to learn about creating a safe and healthy environment in your home.

ODH's [Ohio Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program](#) (formerly Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program) takes a comprehensive approach to helping Ohioans maintain a residence that is safe and healthy.

A healthy home is clean, safe, well-maintained and well-ventilated. It is free from pests, mold, moisture, dust, dirt and other household contaminants. Hazards in the home include lead, mercury, radon, environmental tobacco smoke, carbon monoxide, mold, allergens, pests and safety issues.

The seven elements of a healthy home include:

Keep it dry: Prevent water damage and mold growth by checking your plumbing, roof and draining systems for leaks.

Keep it clean: Keep all areas free of clutter and contaminants. Wash kitchen surfaces daily, bathrooms, floors and horizontal surfaces weekly and vacuum often using a well-maintained vacuum with a HEPA filter.

Keep it safe: Install smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers, while taking other safety measures to prevent injuries (such as slips, trips, falls and burns).

Keep it well-ventilated: Supply fresh air and eliminate the concentrations of moisture, radon and carbon monoxide in your home.

Keep it contaminant-free: Reduce your exposure to lead and other contaminants in your home (i.e. volatile organic compounds (VOCs), pesticides and radon).

Keep it well-maintained: Inspect, clean and repair your home routinely. Inspect gutters, downspouts, air filters, heating system and batteries in smoke alarms regularly.

Keep it pest-free: Seal cracks and openings to prevent insects and rodents from entering your home. Store food in sealed containers and clean up spills immediately.

Source: Ohio Department of Health.

For additional information on lead, contact the Canton City Health Department at (330) 489-3327.