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Home*A*Syst – Home Assessment System

Home*A*Syst is a voluntary, confidential self-assessment program individuals can use to evaluate their home and property for pollution and health risks. Twelve Home*A*Syst chapters cover essential topics that every homeowner or resident should be aware of. Each chapter contains key points, along with tables or worksheets that help identify and reduce home risk.

The Home*A*Syst chapters are:

- Chapter 1: Site Assessment: Protecting Water Quality around Your Home
- Chapter 2: Managing Household Trash: Preventing Waste, Reusing, Recycling and Composting
- Chapter 3: Managing Hazardous Household Products
- Chapter 4: Lead in and around the Home: Identifying and Managing its Sources
- Chapter 5: Indoor Air Quality: Reducing Health Risks and Improving the Air You Breathe
- Chapter 6: Energy Savings for Your Home
- Chapter 7: Managing Stormwater around Your Home
- Chapter 8: Conserving Water around Your Home
- Chapter 9: Caring for the Yard and Garden
- Chapter 10: Protecting Your Drinking Water Well
- Chapter 11: Managing Household Wastewater: Septic Systems and Other Treatment Methods
- Chapter 12: Managing Liquid Fuels Safely: Gasoline, Heating Oil, Diesel and Other Fuels

You can do Home*A*Syst's risk assessment exercises one at a time or all together—it's up to you. The main idea is to take the time to find out if there are risks to your family's health or pollution threats to your environment. Then, where feasible, take action to reduce those risks and prevent problems.

These Home*A*Syst chapters are not difficult to complete, and the results can benefit you and your family. For example, working with your children can be a great educational experience for everyone. And actions you take to eliminate risks may improve your property's resale value. If you value a clean environment and healthy surroundings, then by using Home*A*Syst—and making changes—you can invest in your family's future and invest in your community.

The Home*A*Syst booklet is available online at

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