



Home•A•Syst

A Plan to Protect Your Health and the Environment

Your home is your safe haven. It's the place where you shouldn't have to worry about the quality of the air you breathe or the water you drink. It's the place where your family's health is the number-one priority.

Unfortunately, your home is not immune from the effects of pollution. Unsafe practices and conditions you're not even aware of can threaten the health of your family and the quality of your environment.

Home•A•Syst is a program offered by the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service that can help you pinpoint these potential problem areas and take steps to protect your family and the environment. *Home•A•Syst* is a voluntary and completely private program—your results are for your use only, and will not be collected by Extension or any other agency.

How Does Home•A•Syst Work?

It's easy. Each *Home•A•Syst* factsheet starts with a simple checklist. You complete the checklist to find out what potential problem areas may be in your home. The checklist is followed by an information section that

tells you why certain practices or conditions can threaten your health or the environment, and tells you what you can do about problems you found while completing the checklist. Finally, each *Home•A•Syst* factsheet outlines contacts, reading material, and sites to visit on the World Wide Web if you need more information.

You choose only the factsheets that apply to you to custom-design your own *Home•A•Syst* package. For example, if you live in an apartment, you probably will not need the factsheet about lawn and garden care, whereas household hazardous waste is an issue for almost everybody.

The one factsheet that every *Home•A•Syst* participant needs is *Assessing Your Homesite*. Keep it handy while you're completing the other factsheets, since each factsheet will ask you to record some information in the table in *Assessing Your Homesite*. When you're finished with the other factsheets, *Assessing Your Homesite* will help you summarize your results in order to help you take action to protect your health and the environment.

Home•A•Syst is an important step toward getting rid of pollution in your environment and protecting your family. Don't delay. Contact your local Extension agent to participate.



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