

Healthy Homes Frequently Asked Questions

- Q.** I am a renter. Can I still request a healthy homes assessment?
- A.** Yes. We will work with you and the property owner to complete the assessment.
- Q.** What supplies/equipment will I receive?
- A.** Income-eligible residents may receive support to remediate health issues.
- Q.** Do you inspect for mold or pests?
- A.** Yes. We assess all areas and identify hazards.
- Q.** Is there a cost for a healthy home assessment?
- A.** The assessments are offered at no cost.
- Q.** How can I schedule a healthy home assessment?
- A.** Contact:
Cook County Public Health
218-387-3605

Cook County Public Health And Human Services

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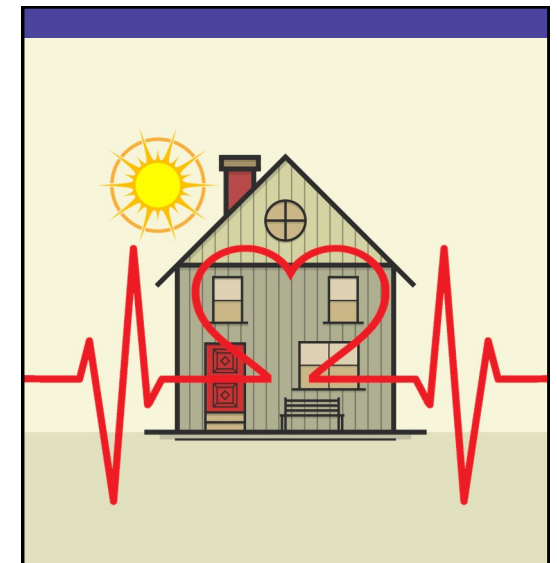
We are committed to accountability, respect, integrity, honesty and partnership.

Mission Statement

Supporting the health, safety and well-being of our community.



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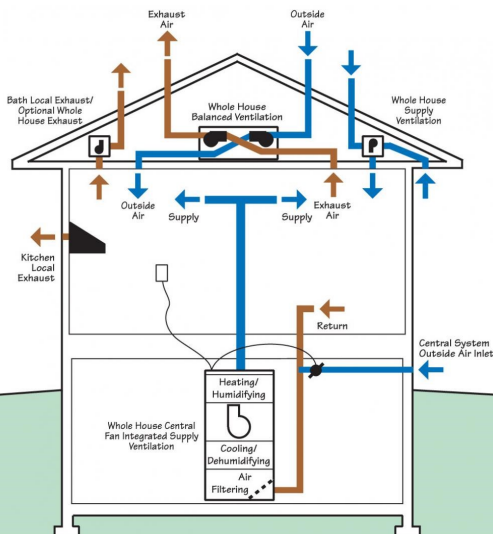
Healthy Homes Assessment



Serving All of Cook County

Cook County Public Health is now accepting referrals for the Healthy Homes assessment services. This service is provided free of service for residents of Cook County and Grand Portage.

- ◆ The healthy homes approach addresses housing-related health hazards.
- ◆ Healthier homes will directly result in healthier people and more vibrant communities.
- ◆ Every person and every organization has a role to play, small or large.



The healthy homes approach focuses on the 8 Healthy Homes Principles.

1. **Keep It Dry** — Excess moisture creates conditions that affect health.
2. **Keep It Clean** — Prevents exposure to contaminants.
3. **Keep It Pest Free** — Pests can create allergens and spread disease.
4. **Keep It Safe** — Most injuries occur in the home.
5. **Keep It Contaminant-Free** — It is easier to prevent exposure to contaminants than it is to remove them and their effects.
6. **Keep It Ventilated** — Adequate ventilation reduces exposure to airborne contaminants.
7. **Keep It Well-Maintained** — Prevents moisture build-up and other health hazards.
8. **Keep It Thermally Controlled** — Maintaining adequate temperature decreases risk from exposure to extreme heat and/or cold.

What To Expect

A home visit from a Public Health Healthy Homes specialist will include:

- ◆ **ASSESSMENT:** Assessment of housing conditions that may lead to potential health conditions.
- ◆ **RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUPPLIES:** Healthy Homes recommendations, education and supplies (such as a vacuum, non-toxic cleaning supplies, radon test kits, fire extinguisher, dehumidifier, etc.) are low-cost, reliable, and practical methods to reduce health and safety risks in housing may be provided.
- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Visits will be made with families to ensure effectiveness.

