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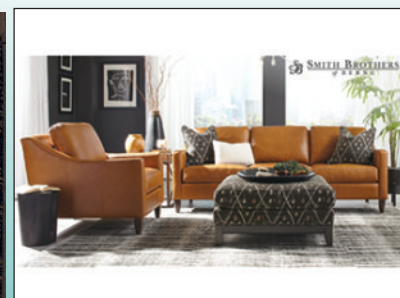
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Padding is important - don't try to save a few dollars by going with less expensive padding. Carpeting relies on a layer of padding for support, strength and some extra cushioning. You might not be able

to see the padding, but you'll definitely spot the extra wear and tear on your new carpet if you pick an inadequate padding material. It's also important to match the padding to the type of carpet you plan to use.

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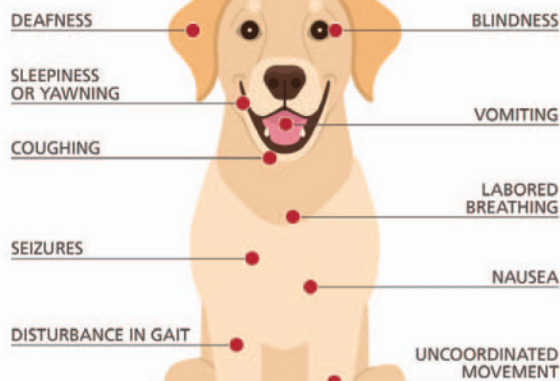
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Understanding the Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning in Pets



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Most symptoms of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning in pets are nonspecific – they could easily be attributed to other illnesses. It's important to keep working CO alarms throughout the home, and know the signs in your pets.*



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*Source: Fitzgerald, K. D. (2008). Carbon Monoxide. In M. D. Peterson, Small Animal Toxicology (Second Edition) (pp. 619-628).

SURVEY RESULTS

According to an August 2009 survey commissioned by Kidde and conducted online by The Harris Poll among more than 1,300 U.S. pet owners.

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of pet owners (i.e. own a dog or cat) don't know smoke and CO alarms should be changed every 10 years.

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of pet owners don't test their alarms weekly as recommended.

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- Smoke alarms: every 10 years
- CO alarms: every 7-10 years
- Disposable fire extinguishers: every 10-12 years



The survey was conducted online by The Harris Poll on behalf of Kidde from August 6-16, 2009 among 1,367 U.S. pet owners (i.e. own a cat and/or dog). For complete survey methodology, please contact maria.groch@harris.com.

(Family Features) In most pets, the signs and symptoms of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning are nonspecific and could easily be attributed to other illnesses. To protect yourself and your pets from the dangers of CO, it's important to keep working alarms throughout the home, test and replace them as recommended and understands the signs. Learn more about protecting your two- and four-legged loved ones at Kidde.com.

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Home office must-haves

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As the dust settled and working professionals grew accustomed to working from home, many recognized the need to have an office in their homes. Various factors can make home offices more conducive to getting work done, and the following are some home office must-haves that can help people be more productive while working from home.

Lighting

Lighting is important in a home office. It's easy to overlook natural light, especially for workers who previously worked in offices that did not have windows. But natural light can help save on energy



costs and boost mood. In fact, natural light is a valued commodity for people used to working in office settings. A 2018 survey of more than 1,600 workers conducted by the human resources advisory firm Future Workplace found that access to natural light and views of the outdoors were the most sought after attribute of a workplace environment. In addition, 47 percent of workers surveyed admitted they felt tired or very tired from the absence of natural light or a window at their office. When designing their home offices, homeowners

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The one day show starts off fast at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, September 26 for Early Buyers wanting to start the treasure hunt and get the first look at the vast array of merchandise being offered. Early Buyers admission is \$25. The show continues Saturday from 10 – 1 with General Admission for \$10 and from 1 – 4:30 for \$5. Parking is free. Great food will be available from many concession stands.

Burton is the only show in the country where the customers can buy an item from a vendor and the staff will load it for you. Lots of help will be on hand to assist customers purchasing items at the show. At the last show over 1000 items, from bedroom sets to concrete statues to watering cans and picture frames were picked up and taken to another

building where customers can drive into the building to have their purchases loaded. A team of local Amish men assist with loading. Customers can keep on shopping and not worry about how to load their purchases.

Nationally known show promoter Kay Puchstein states "We try to make this show as easy to shop as possible and enjoyable for everyone. We have had a tremendous response from the both the buyers and the dealers. This show just keeps getting better and better. Dozens of dealers who have not attended the show for years are signing up and coming back. It is going to be a very big show." Many of the returning vendors have done the show for over 30 years and some for over 40 years.

If you are looking for investment quality antiques or desirable vintage collectibles, be sure not this miss this twice a year event. Silver, fine china, jewelry, porcelains, glassware, textiles, paintings, Advertising, Americana, all types and styles of furniture, decorative accessories, rugs, primitives, old tools, and much, much more will be found. Dealers from all over the United States and Canada will be displaying their finest

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Chimneys are designed to last for decades. Cracks and spalling in brick chimneys are common concerns that can cause significant damage if left unchecked.

Chimney maintenance involves more than cleaning the flue. Rather than running the risk of costly repairs, which can cost several thousand dollars, homeowners can take some simple steps to keep

their chimneys in tip-top shape. Certain components of chimney maintenance are do-it-yourself tasks, while others may be better left to the professionals.

- **Start from the inside** and ensure that dampers are working properly. When using fireplaces and other appliances, dampers need to be open to allow smoke to vent outside; otherwise, smoke will be trapped in the home and could lead to carbon monoxide buildup. Dampers need to be fixed or replaced if they are not operational. Replacement fireplace dampers should be snug and not have any gaps, states Vertical Chimney Care.

- **Conduct a visual inspection** of the chimney to check for any cracks or spalling. Spalling is the wearing away of masonry

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ers should keep this in mind and choose areas of their homes that get ample natural light during a typical workday. Additional lighting also will be necessary. Recessed lighting can give an office a sleek look, and lights that can dim can allow workers to adjust their lighting based on how much they need at any given point in the workday.

Quiet

Professionals forced to work at home when social distancing measures were implemented may not have had much quiet, especially for those with young children whose schools were closed. But when designing a home office, homeowners have the chance to make their offices more conducive to concentration. Soundproofing walls may not be necessary, but look for areas of the home that don't get much foot traffic. Kitchens are very popular rooms in many homes, so try to locate your home office away from the kitchen. A spare bedroom upstairs may make for the most ideal home office setting if the home does not have a traditional den. Spare bedrooms come with doors, which can instantly create a sense of quiet when closed. A converted garage also can make for a useful home office, but make sure



the room already has cooling and heating and, ideally, windows.

Electrical outlets

Recently built homes tend to be equipped with enough outlets to accommodate our increasingly connected lifestyles. But older homes may need some electrical updates before they can capably accommodate home offices. When updating your electrical, replace existing outlets and fixtures with energy-efficient LED fixtures, which save money and benefit the environment. Before updating the electrical, decide on how you want the office to be laid out so you can have outlets installed where your computer, devices and other items, like a printer and television, will be. This makes it easy to hide cords and give the office a clean, professional look.

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due to water, weather and time. If enough of the material erodes, that erosion can adversely affect the structural integrity of the chimney. Some repairs can be made by patching up cracks or replacing missing bricks. Chimney tuckpointing is the process of repairing mortar.

- **Think about waterproofing** the chimney to prevent damage. A water sealant applied to the outside of the chimney can prevent moisture from breaking down the masonry.

- **Inspect and replace the chimney cap** if it is worn out. A chimney cap is a contraption that sits atop the chimney to allow the smoke to vent while also preventing critters and water from going inside the flue, helping to extend the flue life. The chimney cap attaches to the flue liner, so outside dimensions should be taken to ensure the cap is the right size for the chimney.

- **Have the chimney swept.** Sweeping helps remove the soot and debris that clings to the inside of the flue, known as creosote. The amount of time the fireplace is used will determine how often the chimney must be cleaned. Generally speaking, the chimney liner needs to be cleaned if it has 1/8-inch or more of soot.

Regular inspection and maintenance can help keep a chimney working safely for decades. For those who do not like working at such an elevation, leave exterior chimney repair to a certified professional.

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The show will be held rain or shine on the racetrack in Burton at Ohio's oldest county fairgrounds. Most dealers will be under tents and another 75 vendors will be located inside under the grandstand. Burton is located just east of Cleveland in the rolling countryside of Northeast Ohio. The area around Burton is home to one of the largest Amish Communities in the world.

Plan on attending the upcoming show on Saturday, September 26th. "Burton is Back". For more information and to see a short video, please go to www.burtonantiquesmarket.com or contact Kay Puchstein at 740-998-5300 or email questions to puchs2@yahoo.com.

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5 Tips for Creating a Low-Maintenance Home

(Family Features) Because most people are spending more time at home than usual, ensuring your living spaces are clean and uncluttered can make being home more comfortable and enjoyable. However, not everyone has the time, or desire, to devote to constant maintenance.

A shift toward less work around the house just takes some prep work and smart tools.

Organize and declutter. Working your way around stacks of things you don't use frequently, or need at all, can make it difficult to keep your home tidy. Cut back on the clutter by sorting items into categories such as things you use often, those you rarely use and things you don't need any longer. Donate what you don't need then work on organizing the rest. Invest in drawers, shelves and

storage bins to ensure everything has a place, and only leave out the items you use frequently.

Automate your cleaning. You can simplify your chores by putting technology to work for you. One example is an all-in-one robotic vacuum cleaner and floor mop that keep floors clean so you don't have to think about it, such as the Deebot T5 from Ecovacs. Its patented OZMO Mopping System allows it to vacuum and mop simultaneously, removing up to 99% of bacteria without any harsh chemicals. It smartly maps your home with laser technology, and the automatic carpet detection feature avoids carpet when mopping to keep it from getting wet. You can even schedule cleanings from your phone.

Manage paper. It can be easy to allow mail, magazines and other paper to pile up. To help manage the influx, create an "inbox" in a convenient location and put mail and paperwork there all week. Designate one day each week

to sort, take action, shred and dispose of mail and other paper you've collected.

Create a labeling system. The hassle of finding and remembering where you put extra linens, wading through a cluttered spice rack or locating the hammer can be unnecessary stressors. Consider investing in a label maker to help make it easier to keep organized and find the things you're looking for when you need them.

Use time wisely. Devoting a small amount of time to daily maintenance is key. If a task takes just a few minutes to do - like scheduling your robot vacuum to clean or putting dishes in the dishwasher - do it as needed. Then, every day, spend 10-15 minutes tidying up and putting things away so they don't pile up and lead to more time-consuming chores.

A low-maintenance home can free your time for more living. Find more ideas for less maintenance at ecovacs.com.



What to do to prepare your garden for winter

Gardens provide an idyllic escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In fact, many gardening enthusiasts typically cannot wait for the spring thaw so they can spend the next several months tending to their plants under the warm sun. But a gardener's work is never truly done, and the work to make gardens stun in the spring actually begins during the preceding fall.

Preparing gardens for winter is an important step that can help homeowners ensure their gardens return to full strength in the spring. The tasks necessary to prepare gardens for winter may depend on what homeowners are planting, but the following are some general maintenance suggestions that can keep gardens safe this winter.

- **Remove weeds and debris.** Weeds and debris are unsightly and detrimental to plant life

in spring, but they also can be harmful in the winter. Weeds and debris left to linger in gardens through the winter provide overwintering spots for insects and can contribute to disease. So it's imperative that weeds and debris are removed before the ground hardens in winter. Don't wait until the ground hardens, as that can make it hard to remove the roots of weeds, adversely affecting the garden as a result.

- **Prepare the soil.** The Farmer's Almanac advises homeowners to gently till the soil in their gardens so they can expose any insects before they settle in for the winter. Once garden soil is exposed, add a layer of compost, leaves, aged manure, and, if necessary, lime, gently tilling it into the soil. According to the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the only accurate way to determine if lawn or garden soil needs

lime is to test it. Lime makes soil less acidic and reduces soil pH. Low soil pH makes it hard for certain plants to grow, but acidic soil is ideal when growing blueberries. Test the soil for lime and amend it depending on what you hope to grow in the spring so it's ready to thrive when winter ends.

- **Remove dead or diseased plants.** Dead or diseased plants should not be left in the garden through the winter. These plants can attract insects and are vulnerable to disease, which can make it hard for the garden to thrive in the spring.

- **Protect fruit trees.** If you have fruit trees, install mouse guards around the base to prevent mice and voles from killing the trees over the winter. If left to their own devices over the winter, mice and voles may eat the bark of fruit trees, killing the trees as a result. The Farmer's Almanac



notes that mouse guards made of fine mesh hardware cloth can effectively protect fruit trees from hungry mice and voles over the winter.

A gardener's work is never done, and the work to create beautiful spring gardens begins in the fall.



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