

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Planning for, and responding to, emergencies in the home.



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A well prepared home

Outside

House numbering

4 inch tall lettering on contrasting background affixed to house not just mailbox

Open and accessible driveway

Hedges trimmed back to provide room for emergency vehicles

Plowed in winter, sidewalks and doors shoveled out

Well lit path to the main entrance four+ feet wide, free of debris

Consider adding an emergency access key box to allow responders entry if you are unable to come to the door or are away

Render medical care to the incapacitated, or those with mobility issues

Avoid damage to building

Shut off utilities in an emergency (frozen pipes, power surges, etc.)

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Emergency Access Key Box



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Keep your yard free of clutter

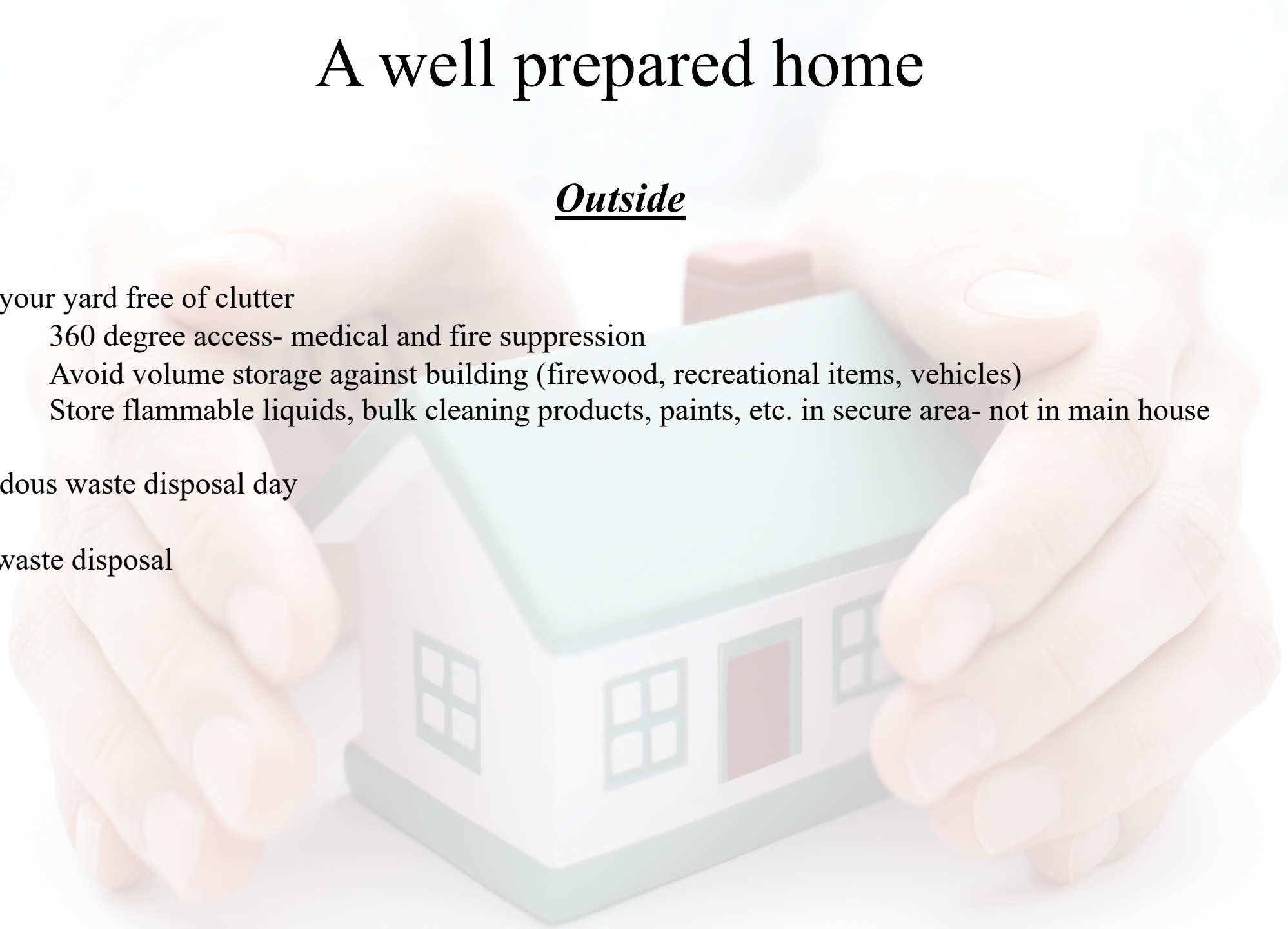
360 degree access- medical and fire suppression

Avoid volume storage against building (firewood, recreational items, vehicles)

Store flammable liquids, bulk cleaning products, paints, etc. in secure area- not in main house

Hazardous waste disposal day

Bulk waste disposal



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Inside

Readily available/ accessible medical information, direction

File of Life

Major medical diagnosis, medication list, recent surgeries, etc.

On fridge, unobstructed

Medical Directives

DNR, living will, advanced directives, powers of attorney and medical proxy

Up to date, original copies, known to others present

Consideration for single floor living- could you get out under your own power in an emergency?

Stairs, pathways free of clutter and debris, well lit - no storage. Anti slip coatings- steps, ramps, tub

Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. <10 years old, batteries changed, clean.



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Inside

Emergency contact info for family and caregivers, doctors on hand
Schedule recurring calls, visits

72 hour supply of water, food, medications on hand
Flashlight with batteries, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, AM/FM radio

Emergency Evacuation Plan- HAVE ONE
REP and Natural disaster
Confidential assistance form: https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=4572

READYNH: <https://www.readynh.gov/> State emergency preparedness website

NH Alerts: Sign up to be notified of an impending emergency at: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFC2664C2B92>

STAY INFORMED

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Inside

Additional training on creating an emergency plan and staying safe at home:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/8e8994d3-39b2-466e-8897-1cc12227ba24@992deae9-1c4c-42c8-a310-5088af55ba74>

Thursday September 28th

3-4pm

FREE online event

Hosted by the State of New Hampshire- Dept. of Safety



~~Emergency~~ Customer SERVICE

A phone call away

We are here for YOU. Never a bother.

CALL us, CALL us, CALL us.

Every municipal emergency service is slightly different but has the same mission- to keep you safe.

Some departments can and do regularly:

- Change smoke detector batteries

- Install emergency key boxes

- Conduct courtesy home safety evaluations

- Install car seats

- Work with community in home care partners

- SO MUCH MORE

AT MINIMUM connect you with the services you need.

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