

Safety At Home Series

Part 4: Keep It Maintained & Thermally Controlled



Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley Believes that everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy home. We put that belief into action through our 3 programs. Our Critical Repairs program focuses on anything that could be potentially catastrophic to a home owner being able to safely remain in their homes i.e., hot water heaters, furnace replacements, roof repairs or replacements. Our Safe At Home program focuses on our home adapting alongside us as our needs change by altering providing all necessary safety measures for home owner accessibility. And lastly, our Rebuilding Days are our culminating volunteer based blitz building days the focus on beautification projects and volunteer friendly activities to wrap up the year round repairs we've previously accomplished for our homeowners.



The 8 safe and healthy housing principles as established by the Department of Housing and urban Development: Clean, Dry, Pest-free, well-ventilated, safe, contaminant-free, maintained and thermally controlled.



Keeping your home maintained Just like regular oil changes for your car keep your engine happy and healthy, keeping up with regular home maintenance tasks will keep you from future headaches, wasted money and most importantly health and safety concerns.

You can maintain your home by:

- Look for areas to improve quality of materials in new repairs or replacements.
- Be sure to care for as best as possible existing home materials.
- Consider removing problematic landscaping and replace with low maintenance & draught free.
- Follow regular home maintenance schedules.
- Call a professional, like Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley, to inspect & address any concerns.

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley can inspect areas of concern including high use areas such as kitchens and bathrooms. Use higher quality materials that are easier to maintain and will last longer. Remove and replace invasive shrubbery or other plants that require attention or are too close to the home and can cause other issues. Replace landscaping with draught tolerant plants.



Keeping your home thermally controlled refers to the process of keeping the interior of a house at a comfortable, uniform and regulated temperature.

Keep your home thermally controlled by:

- Look for easy air sealing opportunities
- Insulation options

How does a thermally controlled home help you?

- Can be a high energy saving investment
- Improve the integrity of the home
- Can drastically improve comfort levels at home



Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley can help looking for opportunities to seal air leaks. Looking to add insulation in easily accessible areas. And by adding or repairing weather stripping around windows and doors

