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Chapter 5: Managing Your Living Space—Glossary

accidents. Unexpected events causing loss or injury.

appliance. A tool run by electricity or gas.

balance. A principle of design using equality in size.

biodegradable. Capable of decomposing under natural conditions.

color. Element of design using color for effect.

compost. A mixture of decaying organic matter used to improve soil structure and provide nutrients.

cool colors. Blues, greens, and purples.

displayed storage. Space for storing items in view.

emphasis. A principle of design having area as the visual center.

environmentally friendly products. Products that are effective and safe for the environment.

fatal. Deadly.

hidden storage. Space for storing items out of sight.

home. Any place people live.

house. A freestanding, single-family dwelling.

line. Element of design using straight or curved lines for effect.

private space. An area that is yours alone.

proportion. A principle of design showing the relation of objects' sizes.

rhythm. A principle of design showing patterns of space.

scale floor plan. A drawing that shows the size and shape of a room.

shape. Element of design using geometric shapes for effect.

shared space. Areas shared with other family members.

spacing. Element of design using space between objects for effect.

toxic. Poisonous.

traffic pattern. A path people follow as they move within a room.

unity. A principle of design.

universal design. The concept of designing homes and environments to be flexible and functional for all residents, including those with disabilities.