Quizzes at the beginning of each chapter will help you assess hidden dangers in your home. A higher score signals that you may have a higher risk in a particular area. Save your chapter quiz scores until the end of each room section, where you'll be provided a long list of solutions to even up your score.

.		How	Toxic	Is You	r Hom	ne?				Scores
	1.	Orga	nic cotto	wing best do n (0 pts) atural fabric wool, etc. (,	Syn	g and pajan thetic and i percent sy	natural bler	` ' /	
	2.	Scen Stain	ted deterg treatmen	o you typica gent (6 pts) ts (3 pts) ay (3 pts)		r laundry? (Dryer shee Fabric softe Fragrance-f	ts (6 pts) ener (6 pts))		
3. Which of the following clothing and accessory items leave red lines on your skin? (Select all that apply) Undergarments (8 pts) Belt/Pants waistband (8 pts) Socks (3 pts) Jewelry/Watches (3 pts)										
	4.			week do yo en dry clear 2 days 6 pts		wear dry- 4 days 10 pts	5 days	6 days	7 days	
						Your	"Rub"	danger	score	
		I-20		21-40	4	H-60		61+		
	N	ice and co	omfy Fee	ling itchy?	Too clos	e for comfo	ort Rubb	ed the wro	ng way	

QUIZ	How Toxic	c Is Your Homo	e?		Scores		
	Be sure to consid	ets are plugged in within der alarm clocks, mp3 do amps, etc. (3 pts each)					
	Under your	where is your mobile pl pillow (8 pts) [o the bed (6 pts)	hone? (Select one) In the room but no In another room (0	` ' '			
	3. How many major electrical appliances are near your bed? Consider fuse boxes, electric heating units, electric water heaters, air conditioning units, televisions, etc. Don't forget what's on the other side of the wall. (6 pts each)						
	4. Do you use an el Never 0 pts	lectric blanket? Sometimes in the winter 3 pts	Always in the winter	- Always			
<		Yo	our "Electric" o	langer score			
	I-8	9–16	17–24	25+			
	Energy-efficient	Slightly charged	High voltage	Zapped			

Z	How To	xic Is Your	Home?			Scores
	I. How well do y	you typically sleep? ke (0 pts)	` _	and turn (8 pts)		
	Wake up once or twice a night (2 pt) I'm awake more than Wake up several times a night (4 pts) I'm asleep (10 pts)					
How light is your room during the hours you sleep? Pitch black Bright enough to read						
	0 pts	2 pts 4 p	ots 6 pts	8 pts	10 pts	
	3. Do you need	a blaring alarm clo	ck to wake up on weel	kdays? Yes	(5 pts)	
4. Do you need a stimulant like caffeine in the morning to function? Yes(6 pts))	
			Your "Slee	p" danger :	score	
	I – 7	8–14	15–21	22+		
	Sleeping	Rested but	Nearing a	A comp		

QUI

What Simple Solutions will you add to your Bedroom?

	Scores
I.I will: (Select one) Switch to natural fabrics for pajamas (4 pts) and/or sheets (4 pts) Switch to organic cotton pajamas (6 pts) and/or sheets (6 pts)	
2. I will: (Select all that apply) Use a green, nontoxic laundry detergent (6 pts) Switch to a fragrance-free, mainstream brand of detergent (3 pts) Eliminate my use of dryer sheets (6 pts)	
3. I will: (Select all that apply) Eliminate dry cleaning altogether (12 pts) Reduce use of "perc" dry cleaning to real necessities (4 pts) Air out dry cleaning before bringing it into the house (2 pts) Switch to a green dry cleaner (8 pts) Wear an undershirt made of natural fibers beneath dry-cleaned clothing (2 pts)	
4. I will: (Select all that apply) Eliminate all constrictive clothing (10 pts) Remove tight clothing, like bras and shirts with snug collars, when at home (4 pts) Honestly assess my wardrobe and give away clothing items that are too tight (8 pts)	
5. I will: (Select all that apply) Switch to an organic or natural rubber mattress (15 pts) Air out my mattress whenever laundering the bedding (3 pts) Use a natural rubber or organic wool mattress cover (6 pts)	

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6. I will: (Select all that apply) Move electronics away from bed (3 pts for each item moved at least four feet) Regularly unplug appliances and gadgets when not in use (5 pts) Eliminate use of electric blanket or unplug it before getting into bed (10 pts)	
 7. I will: (Select one) Reduce bedroom light to zero while sleeping (7 pts) Move or replace electronics in the bedroom that feature white or blue light (4 pts) 	
8. I will: (Select all that apply) Take a melatonin supplement before bed to support the body's natural sleep processes (4 pts) Heat or cool the room enough to ensure I don't wake up too hot or cold (3 pts)	
 9. I will: (Select all that apply) Perform the weekend sleeping experiment on pages 55–56 to see how much rest my body really needs (4 pts) Set a reasonable bedtime and stick to it—during weekdays and weekends (6 pts) Adjust sleep schedule to get to bed before 10:30 p.m. to maximize melatonin and HGH production (6 pts) 	
 I will: (Select all that apply) Get physical activity—"real work" as referenced in the text—each day (5 pts) Eliminate caffeine or food three hours prior to bedtime (5 pts) Create a winding down routine and follow it every night (3 pts) Avoid stimulation like video games and television at least thirty minutes prior to bedtime (3 pts) 	
Your Simple Solutions positive score:	
Your "Rub" danger score:	-
Your "Electric" danger score:	-
Your "Sleep" danger score:	-
Your Bedroom Health total:	

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How Toxic Is Your Home? I. How much cologne or perfume do you typically wear? (Select one) None (0 pts) Just a dab (2 pts) A big splash or multiple spritzes (6 pts)	cores
2. How many aerosol products do you use? Consider antiperspirants, hairsprays, and so forth. (7 pts each)	
3. Do you use an antiperspirant deodorant? (Check your product label if you're not sure.) Yes(7 pts)	
4. How many personal-care products do you use each day? Consider products listed above as well as cosmetic, shaving, and skin-care products. (2 pts each)	
Your "Personal" danger score	
I–8 9–16 I7–24 25+	
Natural beauty Time to refresh Some ugly habits Chemical complexion	

QUIZ	How Toxic Is Your Home?						
	1. Do you use fluc	oride toothpaste: Tes	(8 pts)				
	2. Take stock of your mouth? (1)		ilver-colored fillings do y	ou have in			
	3. If you don't have silver fillings, enter zero for this question. If you do have silver fillings, which of the following are regular habits for you? (Select all that apply.) Chewing gum (4 pts) Chewing ice (3 pts) Drinking hot drinks (coffee, tea, etc.) (4 pts)						
	4. Which do you use to reduce bad breath? (Select all that apply) Gum (6 pts) Mouthwash (4 pts) Tongue Scraper (0 pts)						
			Your "Pearly" d	anger score			
	1–12	13–24	25–36	37+			
	Mile-wide grin	Straight-faced	Grimace	Scowl			

		Your "Dope" da	inger score	
(Select oné) In anticip	ation of pain (12 pts)	If the pain is dis	tracting (2 pts)	
		rugs are you saving in your	medicine cabinet	
. Do you get a	yearly flu shot? Yes	(8 pts)		
other antibac Hand sar Antibact	terial ingredients? (Select nitizer (6 pts) erial soap (3 pts)	all that apply) Antibacterial sp	ray (6 pts)	
How 10	xic Is Your Hon	ne!		Scores
	other antibace Hand sar Antibacte Antibacte Do you get a How many of for a rainy da When do you (Select one) In anticip At the fir	other antibacterial ingredients? (Select Hand sanitizer (6 pts) Antibacterial soap (3 pts) Antibacterial wipes (4 pts) Do you get a yearly flu shot? Yes How many old, unused prescription d for a rainy day? (5 pts each) When do you reach for pain medicine (Select one) In anticipation of pain (12 pts) At the first sign of discomfort (8 pts) How many over-the-counter or prescription	other antibacterial ingredients? (Select all that apply) Hand sanitizer (6 pts) Antibacterial soap (3 pts) Antibacterial to Antibacterial wipes (4 pts) Do you get a yearly flu shot? Yes	Hand sanitizer (6 pts) Antibacterial spray (6 pts) Antibacterial soap (3 pts) Antibacterial toothbrush (3 pts) Do you get a yearly flu shot? Yes

What Simple Solutions will you add to your Bathroom?

Scores I. I will: (Select all that apply) Find alternatives to products with parabens, formaldehyde-releasers, and other harsh chemical preservatives, especially those that stay on the skin all day (2 pts for every product you discontinue) Cut the number of personal-care products used each day by 20 percent (8 pts) Wash products off my face right when I get home in the evening instead of waiting until I go to bed (4 pts) Cut back on highly scented personal-care products (2 pts for every product you replace with a lightly scented or unscented version) 2. I will: (Select one) Stop using antiperspirant altogether and replace with natural deodorant (10 pts) Wash off antiperspirant after I get home (5 pts) Stop using antiperspirant on weekends and during cooler months (5 pts) 3. I will: (Select all that apply) Switch to a fluoride-free toothpaste (5 pts) Begin taking calcium, magnesium, and vitamin D supplements (4 pts) Switch from mouthwash to a tongue scraper (4 pts) Rinse with water flavored with a few drops of cinnamon, peppermint, or anise extract instead of mouthwash (3 pts) 4. I will: (Select all that apply) Safely dispose of all old prescriptions (5 pts) Commit to listening to the doctor if he or she says I don't need an Reduce antibiotic ingestion by purchasing only organic meats/dairy (7 pts) Discontinue use of triclosan antibacterial soaps in the home and workplace (6 pts) 5. I will: (Select all that apply) Talk to the doctor about alternatives to statin drugs, such as lifestyle changes (7 pts) Begin taking an omega-3 fatty acid supplement (3 pts) Take a CoQ10 supplement every day (3 pts) Add a good source of fiber to my daily breakfast (3 pts)

	Scores		
6. I will: (Select all that apply)			
Create a list of all the medications and supplements I take to place in my wallet or purse (2 pts)			
Take stock of all of the over-the-counter medications taken over the course of the week; look for correlations with lifestyle choices (2 pts)			
Eliminate the regular use of at least one over-the-counter medication through behavioral changes—for example, drinking plenty of water to avoid headaches (5 pts for each)			
Your Simple Solutions positive score:			
Your "Personal" danger score:	-		
Your "Pearly" danger score:	-		
Your "Dope" danger score:	-		
Your Bathroom Health total:			

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How Toxic Is Your Home? Scores How many brightly colored (red, green, blue, purple, orange, etc.) fruits and vegetables were on your plate at dinner last night? 3 or more 0 pts I pt 3 pts 2. Which is most similar to what you eat for your typical breakfast? (Select one) Veggie omelet (0 pts) Eggs, bacon, and hashbrowns (4 pts) Whole wheat toast and fresh fruit (0 pts) Pastry and coffee (7 pts) Steel-cut oatmeal and fresh fruit (0 pts) Bagel and cream cheese (6 pts) Yogurt (4 pts) Drive-through meal (8 pts) What's breakfast? (10 pts) Candy bar/energy bar (4 pts) Cold cereal (6 pts) Coffee (15 pts) 3. What do you estimate is the ratio of fruits/veggies to meats/dairy in your diet? Ratio 10:0 8:2 6:4 5:5 4:6 6:4 8:2 0:10 Meats/ Fruits/Veggies 0 pts 0 pts 1 pt 3 pts 5 pts 8 pts 10 pts 15 pts 4. How often do you go grocery shopping? (Select one) Monthly (15 pts) Every 2 weeks (8 pts) Weekly (I pt) Every few days (0 pts) Your "Food" danger score 13-24 1-12 25-36 37+ Gourmet Fine diner Fast food junkie

Starving

How Toxic	c Is Your He	ome?			Score
I. Do you use not Always	nstick pans?	Sometimes	1	Vever	
10 pts		5 pts		0 pts	
2. How do you lik Raw (0 pts) Cooked but Cooked unti	crunchy (1 pt)	Select one) Puréed (7 p	,		
3. Select the three Grill/charbro Deep fry (8 p Boil (5 pts) Bake (2 pts) Sauté/Fry (1	pil (5 pts)		(2 pts) (1 pt)	ng meals.	
4. If you eat steak, he Raw (tartare)	ow do you typically I pt 2 pts	order or prepare it? If y	Wel	k, enter 0.	
5. What role does plastic play in your kitchen? (Select all that apply). Plastic or foam containers for heating food in the microwave (8 pts) Plastic wrap for covering food that's being heated in the microwave (8 pts) Plastic wrap for covering stored food (4 pts) Plastic or foam containers for storing food/leftovers (4 pts) Plastic or foam cups, plates, bowls, etc. (5 pts for each)					
		Your "Cook	ing" danger	score	
I-I5	16–30	31–45	46	+	
Master chef	Line cook	Prep cook	Dishw	asher	

QUIZ	How To	xic Is Your	Home?			Scores
I. Is milk your main source of calcium? Yes (8 pts)						
	Store-boo	•	ocktails (8 pts)	n consume? (Select Home-squeeze	ed juice (0 pts)	
	3. Is your home water fluoridated? Yes (10 pts)					
	4. How many be No liquids 0 pts	everages, including Small Drink		consume at a typio X-Large Drink B pts	Refills	
5. How many caffeinated beverages do you consume each day? Count those "extra large "grande," and "super-big" beverages as two or more drinks. (4 pts each)					.,	
'			You	ır "Drink" da	nger score	
	I–I2	13–24		25–36	37+	
	Hydrated	Getting thir	sty P	arched	Bone-dry	

What Simple Solutions will you add to your Kitchen?

	Scores
I. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Cut consumption of high-glycemic "white" foods like white bread, white rice, and potatoes in half (10 pts)	
Add more brightly colored fruits and vegetables to my diet each day (2 pts per additional daily serving)	
Switch from one daily high-glycemic snack like potato chips to a low-glycemic snack like almonds (2 pts)	
Replace white flour with whole, multi-grain flour (5 pts)	
Serve one meal a day that consists of 60–80 percent alkalizing fruits and vegetables (8 pts)	
2. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Eliminate processed, high-sodium foods like condensed soups, frozen meals, and cured meats from my diet (3 pts for each food regularly eaten)	
Add more potassium-rich food sources to my daily diet (3 pts for each)	
Trade in regular table salt for natural sea salt (2 pts)	
Drink a glass of lemon water every morning (3 pts)	
Throw out any trans-fats in the refrigerator or cupboards and replace them with extra virgin olive oil, canola oil, or grape seed oil (8 pts)	
3. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Switch from boiling vegetables to steaming them (5 pts)	
Eliminate unnecessary chopping and slicing of fresh vegetables (3 pts)	
Maintain a safe distance (at least five feet) from the microwave when it's running (4 pts)	
Stop grilling meat (5 pts) or reduce the heat on the grill (2 pts) to reduce charring	
Trade in nonstick cookware for pans that are free of Teflon (PTFE) (2 pts for each pan)	
If keeping nonstick cookware, use only medium or lower heat (2 pts)	
4. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Switch my plastic/foam containers to glass (10 pts)	
If keeping plastic kitchenware, stop putting it in the microwave (6 pts) and/or dishwasher (4 pts)	
Stop using plastic wrap in the kitchen (8 pts)	
Remove restaurant leftovers from plastic/foam containers as soon as I get home (3 pts)	

	Scores
 5. I will: (Select one) Install a reverse osmosis water purification device in the kitchen (15 pts) Use an inexpensive pitcher filter to eliminate some tap water contaminants (8 pts) At the very least, give infants and small children distilled water if the tap water is fluoridated (3 pts) 	
 6 I will: (Select all that apply) Drink at least 64 oz. of purified water each day (6 pts) Trade in plastic bottled water for filtered tap water in a reusable stainless steel bottle (5 pts) 7. I will: (Select all that apply) Stop drinking soda, whether it's diet or not (8 pts) Cut out processed juices and "juice drinks" for the family (5 pts) Make juice with a juicer/blender and include the pulp and skins (2 pts) Reduce milk consumption (3 pts) Cut back on water/drinks with meals (6 pts for no beverages; 4 pts for small drinks) 	
Your Simple Solutions positive score:	
Your "Food" danger score:	-
Your "Cooking" danger score:	-
Your "Drink" danger score:	-
Your Kitchen Health total:	

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QUIZ	How Toxic	Is Your Home	?		Scores
	I. What does your h Nothing 0 pts	ouse smell like when in Scented of 6 p	cleaners	Bleach/ammonia	
	2. Do you wear glov	es when you clean? No	o (8 pts)	,	
	3. Do you wear your shoes in the house? Yes (8 pts)				
4. How often do you use air/fabric fresheners? Never Monthly Weekly Dai					
	0 pts	2 pts	6 pts	10 pts	
	Your "Clean" danger score				
	<u> </u>	8–14	15–21	22+	
	Next to godliness	Needs a dusting	Quite a mess	Living in squalor	

QUIZ	How Toxic	ls Your Home	e ?		Scores
	What are the two Corded landlin Landline on sp Cordless phon Mobile phone	eaker (0 pts)		etooth® headset (6 pts) ired headset (3 pts)	
	those IÓ hours? More relaxed than 0 pts 3. How often do you	usual get your heart rate t	est its charge.) How ots	A nervous wreck 16 pts vity? (Select one)	
	Daily (0 pts) A few times a Weekly (5 pts)	week (2 pts)	few times a month (lever (12 pts)	8 pts)	
	4. Have you switched	your home's lighting	to compact fluores	cent bulbs?	
	All	Ha	alf	None	
	10 pts	5 p	ts	0 pts	
,		Yo	ur "High Tech'	" danger score:	
	I-I2	13–24	25–36	37+	
	The brightest bulb	Low-wattage	Fizzling fast	Burned out	

What Simple Solutions will you add to your Living Areas?

	Scores
I. I will: (Select all that apply) Reduce current chemical cleaning products by at least half (8 pts) Wear rubber gloves every time when using cleaning products (5 pts) Switch to some of the natural homemade cleaners found in this book or online (5 pts) Eliminate the use of room/carpet fresheners (6 pts)	
2. I will: (Select all that apply) Use a vacuum with a fully sealed HEPA filter system (10 pts) Get my home professionally tested for contaminants like radon, mold, carbon monoxide, and lead (10 pts) Switch from chemical hard-surface cleaners to a steam cleaner—one that uses only heated water (10 pts)	
3. I will: Make all living areas a "no-shoe" zone and stick to it (10 pts)	
4. I will: (Select all that apply) Stop all use of compact fluorescent bulbs (10 pts) If keeping compact fluorescent bulbs, I will learn (and use) proper disposal procedures in the case of a broken bulb (4 pts)	
 5. I will: (Select all that apply) Use the mobile speakerphone setting whenever possible (5 pts) Use a hands-free, wired headset with my mobile device (5 pts) Always use a landline from a corded telephone for calls from home and work (5 pts) Stop clipping the mobile phone to my belt or waistband (3 pts) Maintain a mobile-free rule—at least when the phone is transmitting—for kids under fourteen (10 pts) 	
6. I will: (Select all that apply) Use wired Internet at home instead of wireless (10 pts) Place the Wi-Fi router far from bedrooms and main living areas (3 pts) Shut off the Wi-Fi router at bedtime (5 pts) Set a "disconnect" time each day, when I shut off the computer, TV, and mobile phones (8 pts)	
Your Simple Solutions positive score:	
Your "Clean" danger score:	-
Your "High Tech" danger score:	
Your Living Areas Health total:	

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QUIZ	How Tox	ic Is Your Hom	ne?		Scores
	I. Do you have a	n attached garage? Yes_	(8 pts)		
	 2. If you marked yes to question I, please select all of the following that apply to your garage: The walls/ceiling are unfinished or just drywall (6 pts) Two or more vehicles pull in and out most days (6 pts) Small, gas-powered devices (lawnmower, snowblower, chain saw, etc.) are stored inside (2 pts each) Painting products and pesticides are stored there (5 pts) 				
	3. Select all of the following things that describe your vehicular habits. If you don't have a car, enter 0. Use the recirculated air button (3 pts) Use air fresheners of any kind (3 pts) Generally keep the windows rolled up (5 pts)				
		ı typically spend in your	habits on question 3, ple car each day: 90 minutes 4 pts	2 hours+	
	5. Do you or you	ır spouse work on your	own car? Yes	(6 pts)	
			Your "Garage"	danger score	
	<u> </u>	I I-20	21–30	31+	
	Zipping by	On cruise control	Check engine light	Stalled	

How To	xic Is Your Hom	ie?		Scores
·		•	round your home and yard?	
Anything growing	ng is sprayed Sev	eral	lt's pesticide-free	
I4 pts	7	pts	0 pts	
Daily (0	o you get at least ten min Select one) ots) nes a week (1 pt)	Rarel	ch day without y (5 pts) r (8 pts)	
3. Do you pay	someone to do your yard	work? Yes	(5 pts)	
4. Do you run i	n marathons or participat kercise? Yes (4 p	e in other types	s of very strenuous,	
		Your "	Yard" danger score	
I-8	9–16	17–24	25+	
Green thumb	Environmentally challen	ged Wilting	Agricultural wasteland	

QUIZ

What Simple Solutions will you add to your Garage and Yard?

/	Scores
I. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Finish and seal any drywall, ductwork, electric wiring, and seams in the garage walls and ceiling (8 pts)	e
Install a fan in the garage to remove polluted air (10 pts)	
Properly dispose of any of the dangerous chemical products like pesticides, paints, and motor fluids that may be currently stored in the garage (5 pts for half; 10 pts for all)	
Seal any remaining paint cans by placing plastic wrap under the lid and turning it upside down (2 pts)	B
Move any small gas-powered devices out of the garage and into a separate shed or storage area (4 pts)	
Park the car outside the garage or leave the garage door open whenever possible (4 pts)	
2. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Always wear gloves when working on the car (5 pts)	
Wash hands with soap and water, not paint thinner, when finished working in the garage (3 pts)	1
3. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Get at least a few minutes of daily sunshine without sunscreen (8 pts)	
Take a vitamin D supplement in the winter or when I can't get outside (8 pts)
Add plants indoors as natural air fresheners (4 pts)	
Add a water feature, such as a miniature waterfall or fountain, to my living area (4 pts)	
4. I will: (Select all that apply)	
Trade in use of pesticides and herbicides for a more integrated approach to controlling pests (15 pts)	
If continuing use of pesticides or herbicides, commit to read the labels carefully and take precautions to protect family and pets (4 pts)	
Learn what native plants in my area are good for pest control (5 pts)	
Ask my yard-care company and/or neighbors about what pest control treatments they use (3 pts)	
Replace non-native plants in the yard with hardier, native species (2 pts for each new species)	
 Plant natural pest-repelling plants like lemon basil, rosemary, catnip, and marigolds (1 pt for each) 	
Add a bird feeder or other bird-friendly feature to my yard to naturally reduce bugs (4 pts)	
Add more types of plant life to the yard (1 pt for each)	
Your Simple Solutions positive score:	
Your "Garage" danger score:	-
Your "Yard" danger score:	-
Your Garage and Yard Health total:	

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