

2024 Healthy Homes Calendar Coloring Contest

Calling young artists! HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is looking for artists around the country to participate in **the 2024 Healthy Homes Calendar Contest**. The calendar will be a 12 -month calendar highlighting the "8 Principles of a Healthy Home". We invite children grades Kindergarten through 6th to complete and submit a drawing or picture following one of the eight principles of a healthy home; essentially: what does a healthy and safe home mean to them.

The purpose of the calendar is to highlight the principles and allow people to learn and to be aware of these potential hazards in the home, year-round.

Entry Deadline: August 15, 2023

Theme: Keeping your home healthy and safe!

Contest open to children in grades Kindergarten through 6th

- One (1) entry per child.
- Be sure to include child's name and age, plus a parent or guardian's street address, phone number, and/or e-mail address so that winners may be notified.
- To enter you will need:
 - o *child's entry on the attached entry form
 - o *colored markers, crayons, or colored pencils

What are we looking for?

The art entries should represent or highlight the 8 Principles of a Healthy Home. We are looking for images of "what a healthy home means to you".

- 1 – Keep it Dry. Example: Prevent water from entering your **home** through leaks in roofing systems. Making sure faucets are turned off and do not drip. Being prepared in cause of a weather-related disaster like flooding, hurricane, etc
- 2 – Keep it Clean. Example: Pick up food, toys, clothes, shoes and trash from around the house. Dust, vacuum, and mop on a regular basis.
- 3 – Keep it Safe. Example: Store and properly label cleaning products and medication. Keep medication out of reach of children. Make sure there are properly installed handrails on stairs. Make sure doors and windows lock properly.
- 4 – Keep it Well-Ventilated. Example: Use bathroom fans when showering or bathing to keep humidity to a minimum. Open windows (if screens are present) to allow good air flow on nice days.

- 5 – Keep it Pest Free. Example: Clean up food so that it doesn't attract bugs. Make sure that holes are filled so that bugs and rodents cannot get into your home. Properly store and keep cardboard boxes off the ground so that cockroaches do not use them as a home.
- 6 – Keep it Contaminant-Free. Example: do not use harsh or dangerous chemicals or cleaning products in your home. Do not use outdoor or yard products inside your home.
- 7 – Keep it Well-Maintained. Example: check and clean gutters every quarter. Check and replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detector twice a year. Change the filters on your HVAC system every other month.
- 8 – Keep it Thermally Controlled. Example: have a good working thermostat in order to keep the temperature consistent in the home. Have good ventilation and energy efficient doors and windows to help control heat loss or allow extreme heat to enter the home.

Examples of past entries include images of homes with gardens, pests in the home, dirty footprints entering the home, pool safety, not allowing smoking in the house, etc.

To see the 2023 Healthy Homes calendar, click here:https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/HH_Calendar_2023.pdf

Entry Submission

There are a few different methods to submit an entry:

1. Entries can be scanned and emailed to:
 - a. Keara.A.OConnor@hud.gov or
 - b. Michelle.M.Miller@hud.gov
2. Hard copy entries can be mailed to HUD HQ at the following address:

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Timeline: Must have all submissions by August 15, 2023

If you have any questions, contact Keara O'Connor, Keara.a.oconnor@hud.gov.