

MINNESOTA LIBRARY COLLECTIONS - PUBLICATIONS

A Consumer's Guide to Home Adaptations. Adaptive Environments Center, 2002, 44 pgs. Basics on evaluating needs and various areas of a home, construction details, resource cites (books, products, equipment). ISBN 0-9708358-0-9

At Home with Alzheimer's Disease - Useful Adaptations to the Home Environment. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2002, 14 pgs. Contains a wide range of helpful hints for how caregivers can provide a safe and secure living environment, and an extensive listing of products and manufacturers.

Building for a Lifetime: The Design and Construction of Fully Accessible Homes. Margaret Wylde, Adrian Baron-Robbins and Sam Clark, Taunton Press, 1994, 295 pgs. Comprehensive volume with extensive profile of design, features and products for many exterior and interior areas of the home. ISBN 1-5618-036-8 9000

Changing Needs, Changing Homes - Adapting Your Home to Fit You. American Occupational Therapy Foundation and the American Occupational Therapy Association, 1996, 129 pgs. Video and companion "A Guide to Resources" covering assessment, hints on financing, home modification bibliography, product/vendor guide.

Curbless Showers: An Installation Guide. Center for Universal Design, College of Design, North Carolina State University, 2003, 17 pgs. Short but instructive booklet on how to design and construct showers for users of all capabilities.

Directory of Accessible Building Products (2004) -- Making Houses User Friendly for Everyone. National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center, 2004, 102 pgs. Manufacturers' promotional materials on a range of products. A listing of NAHB publications is also included.

Elderdesign: Designing and Furnishing a Home for Your Later Years. Rosemary Bakker, Penguin Books, 1997, 228 pgs. Room-by-room guide to products, design concepts, technologies to make a home safe and accessible. Includes resource and products guides and a bibliography. ISBN 0-14-025809-4 9000

Elderhouse: Planning Your Best Home Ever. Adelaide Altman, National Association of Home Builders Research Center, 2002, 256 pgs. Recommendations on how to proactively assess and make age-related home modifications, how to adjust to and furnish a downsized unit. ISBN 193149811-3 51995

FlexHousing - Homes That Adapt to Life's Changes. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 1999, 72 pgs. Well-illustrated manual profiling Canada's approach to home design, construction, and remodeling that enables easy adjustments as lifestyle and needs change at various life stages. ISBN 0 66017477-4

Home Accessibility Remodeling Design Series. Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, 2004, 44 pgs. Basic reference on home accessibility design principles and construction hints.

Home Planning for Your Later Years: New Designs, Living Options, Smart Decisions, How to Finance It. William K. Wasch, Beverly Cracom Publications, 1996, 181 pgs. Guidelines for evaluating among a range of senior housing options, evaluating finances, issues to consider when deciding to modify your present home or build a new one. Includes information on products, housing and community services, consultants, useful videos. ISBN 0-90671545-10 01995

Homes for Everyone: Universal Design Principles in Practice. Prepared by Steven Winter Associates, Inc. for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, 1996, 86 pgs. Well-illustrated manual showcasing both new construction and remodeling projects illustrating universal design concepts.

How to Build Ramps for Home Accessibility. The Home Ramp Project, Metropolitan Center for Independent Living, 1993, 63 pgs. Manual for constructing modular home ramps that don't require frost footings and/or "shallow-step" stairs. (Approved by the Minnesota Building Codes Division.) Companion videos are also distributed by the Center.

Improve the Air You Breathe - A Homeowner's Guide to Better Indoor Air Quality. 3M and American Lung Association Health House, no date, 20 pgs. Concise but instructive booklet on how to keep or filter a range of pollutants out of your home for better health.

Maintaining Seniors' Independence - A Guide to Home Adaptations. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2003, 82 pgs. Assessment tool reviewing home features that may cause problems in performing a wide range of daily living activities, recommended accommodating modifications.

Maintaining Seniors' Independence Through Home Adaptations - A Self-Assessment Guide. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2003, 24 pgs. Companion video and checklist for the assessment tool described immediately above.

Making Life More Livable: Simple Adaptations for Living at Home After Vision Loss. Revised by Maureen A. Duffy, American Foundation for the Blind, 2002, 132 pgs. Updated manual on how seniors' vision may change, and ways to compensate for vision loss in many areas of the home and in performing many everyday tasks. ISBN 0-89128-387-0 90000

Pocket Planner - Homes That Adapt. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, nd, 26 pgs. Pocket-size checklist for assessing a range of features that can provide "Flex-Housing."

Practical Guide to Universal Home Design - Convenience, Ease, and Livability.

East Metro Seniors Agenda for Independent Living, 2002, 17 pgs. Illustrated checklist for how homes can be constructed or remodeled to incorporate a range of universal design features.

Products and Plans for Universal Homes. The Editors of Home Planners in cooperation with the Center for Universal Design and the Philip Stephen Companies, Inc., 2000, 128 pgs. Well-illustrated overview of universal home design features, and gallery of approximately 50 homes for which contractors' construction drawings can be purchased. Extensive product resource listing and manufacturers'/suppliers' contact information. 1-881-955-65-6

Real Life Design. General Electric Corporation, 1995, 30 pgs. Well-illustrated manual profiling GE's "Real Life Design Kitchen" and how to incorporate design and appliances that adapt to a range of users' capabilities.

Residential Remodeling and Universal Design: Making Homes More Comfortable and Accessible. Prepared by National Association of Home Builders Research Center and Barrier Free Environments, Inc. for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, 1996, 120 pgs. Comprehensive, well-illustrated publication on home universal design and how features can be incorporated when home areas are remodeled.

The Accessible Home - Updating Your Home for Changing Physical Needs.

Creative Publishing International, 2003, 142 pgs. Well-illustrated how-to manual for installing a number of basic home accessibility modifications. 1-58923-061-2

The Accessible Home: Easy Ways to Improve the Safety, Function, and Value of Your Home. Susan Lasoff and Linda Lorentzen, Farview Press, 2003, 24 pgs. Pocket-size checklist of a range of exterior and interior features for making homes more accessible. 1-57749-142-4 50495

The Accessible Housing Design File. Barrier Free Environments, Inc., John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1991, 213 pgs. Core volume in the field, well illustrated on how to incorporate flexible, accessible design into many home exterior and interior features. ISBN 0-471-28436-7 90000

The Complete Guide to Alzheimer's-Proofing Your Home. Mark L. Warner, Purdue University Press, 2000, 477 pgs. Comprehensive guide recommending how to adapt many home features to ease caregiving demands as well as respond to cognitive and behavioral losses. ISBN 1-55-753-202-8 9000

The Do-Able Renewable Home: Making Your Home Fit Your Needs. John Salmen, American Association of Retired Persons, 1994, 44 pgs. Highlights a range of ways homes or everyday routines can be modified to make them safer and more comfortable for seniors.

The Healthy House -- How to Buy One, How to Build One, How to Cure a Sick One.

John Bower, The Health House Institute, 2001, 445 pgs. Comprehensive reference book on how to build a new home or remodel an existing one to provide good air quality and minimize problems with major pollutants. Profiles characteristics, potential problems and corrective features for all the major features and systems in a home. Extensive list of organizations and suppliers in the field, and a bibliography. ISBN 0-9637156-9-0 52395

The Perfect Fit: Creative Ideas for a Safe and Livable Home. Jon Pynoos and Evelyn Cohen, American Association of Retired Persons, 1992, 42 pgs. Illustrated picture workbook on changes that can increase seniors' home safety and convenience.

Universal Design and Home Modification - Comfort, Safe, Convenient Living. American Association of Retired Persons, 1999, 32 pgs. Booklet profiling the plan, design features and products installed in a model universally designed home AARP constructed in Virginia.

Visit-Ability: An Approach to Universal Design in Housing. Steven Truesdale and Edward Steinfeld, Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Universal Design at (the State University of New York at Buffalo, 2002, 48 pgs. Manual that profiles the concept of "visit-ability" - incorporation of core universal design features in home construction - and myths about the concept, its probable costs, examples of case study projects. ISBN 0-9714202-1-1

Wood Ramp Design: How to Add a Ramp that Looks Good and Works Too. Center for Universal Design, College of Design, North Carolina State University, 2004, 13 pgs. Short but instructive booklet on basic ramp layout and features.

NOTE:

- *These collections cover home accessible and universal design, "healthy housing" and home design for persons with cognitive disabilities. Materials chosen for the collections provide practical, how-to assistance and were recently published. They contain some but not all of the more recent key titles available on these subjects.*
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