

# HEALTHY HOMES AS COVID WINDS DOWN: DID ANYTHING CHANGE?

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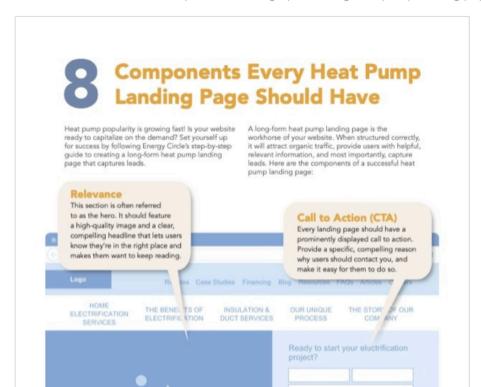
## The Components Every Heat Pump Landing Page Should Have



By Emily Silverman | June 9, 202

Heat pump popularity is growing fast! Is your website ready to capitalize on the demand? Set yourself up for success by following Energy Circle's step-by-step guide to creating a long-form heat pump landing page that captures leads.

A long-form heat pump landing page is the workhorse of your website. When structured correctly, it will attract organic traffic, provide users with helpful, relevant information, and most importantly, capture leads. In the infographic below we detail the essential components of a high-performing heat pump landing page.





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# What Is HOPE for HOMES and Why Is It Important?



By Lily Collins | June 23, 2021

On a recent Webinar Wednesday, Energy Circle hosted Kara Saul Rinaldi, VP of Government Affairs at the Building Performance Association (BPA) to discuss the HOPE for HOMES Act, and to learn how the legislation, if passed, could support progress in our industry for years into the future.

We don't often discuss legislation or what's going on in Washington. However, when government or political initiatives could impact the Better Building Industry and the companies we serve, we're glad to dedicate some time to exploring those possibilities, and learning more about what we can do to support the causes that will benefit our community.

We learned a lot from the conversation between Energy Circle Founder and CEO Peter Troast and Kara Saul Rinaldi during the An Update on the Hope for Homes Legislation webinar, and are excited to dive into greater detail today, as well as share some even more recent news about the proposed legislation.

#### What Is the HOPE for HOMES Legislation?

HOPE for HOMES is a bipartisan bill introduced in 2020 and reintroduced in 2021 to both the House and the Senate. The Building Performance Association is advocating for its inclusion in any federal infrastructure package because it "offers multiple approaches to help upgrade homes and multifamily buildings while offering support for contractor training and incentives for energy efficiency upgrades." The legislation has support from leading representatives on both sides of the aisle, and was included in President Biden's budget request, FY22.

#### How Does HOPE for HOMES Affect Contractors?

The HOPE for HOMES initiative is designed to help contractors by funding technical career and business training. Because the \$500 million initiative would improve access to education through online training, contractors would be able to learn just as much from the heart of a metropolitan area as they could in a more

## **Upcoming Webinars**

June 2 - Marketing Electrification: How to Target the Anti-Fossil Fuel Audience

June 9 - Update from Washington on Hope for Homes Legislation with Kara Saul-Rinaldi

June 16 - Overcoming the Hiring Challenge: The Role Marketing Can Play

**June 23 -** Healthy Homes Post-COVID: Did Anything Change?

**June 30 -** Using Case Studies to Tell Your Story: Showing the Value of Your Work

July 14 - Preparing Your Marketing Strategy for the Fall

Stay tuned for August and September webinar topics coming soon!



## What We'll Discuss

- Healthier Homes Trends Through COVID—

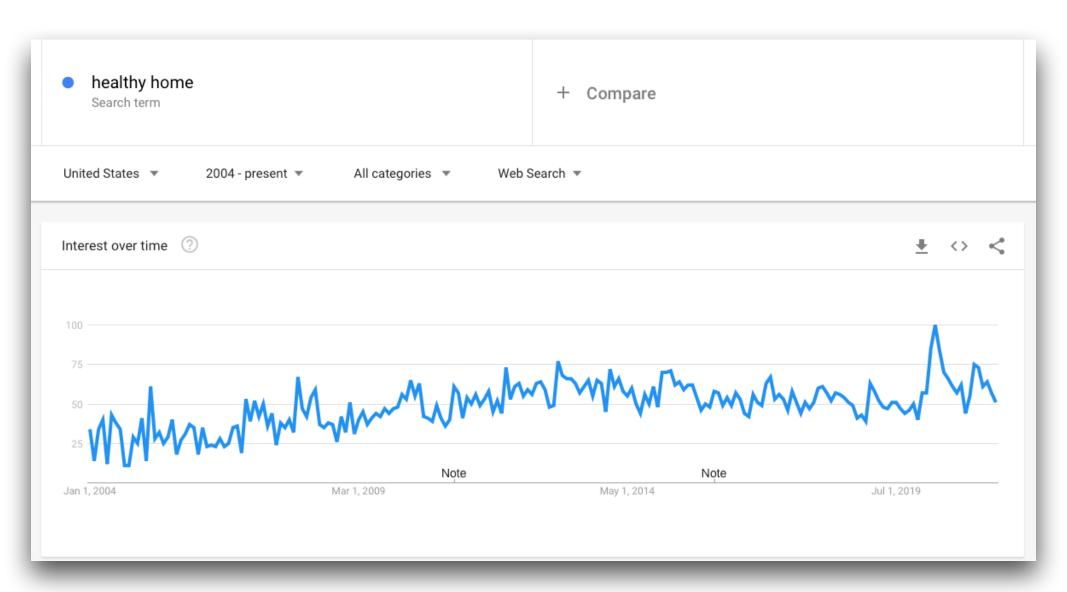
  Quick Review
- 2 Today's Data—What's the Latest
- Is There a Healthy Homes Bounce to Take Advantage Of?





# THE HEALTHY HOMES TREND BEFORE COVID

(this wave ever gonna break?)



#### Google Trends, 2004 to present

Is the Air in Your Home Affecting

Your Health? How to Reduce Indoor

The New Hork Times

Opinion

#### Your Gas Stove Is Bad for You and the Planet

To help solve the climate crisis, we need to electrify everything.

Pollution

**BEAUTY > HEALTH & FITNESS** 

By Justin Gillis and Bruce Nilles

Mr. Gillis is a former New York Times environmental reporter and a co Mr. Nilles is a managing director at Rocky Mountain Institute.

May 1, 2019



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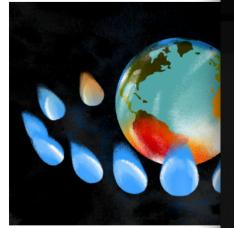
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Angie Wang

OAKLAND, Calif. — We have some good news news: Your gas stove has to go.



### **Full Frontal With Samantha Bee**

HERE'S WHY YOUR GAS STOVE IS KILLING YOU 5 MIN

The gas industry is paying Instagram influencers to promote gas stoves. Yes, you read that right! So



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## The Chasm

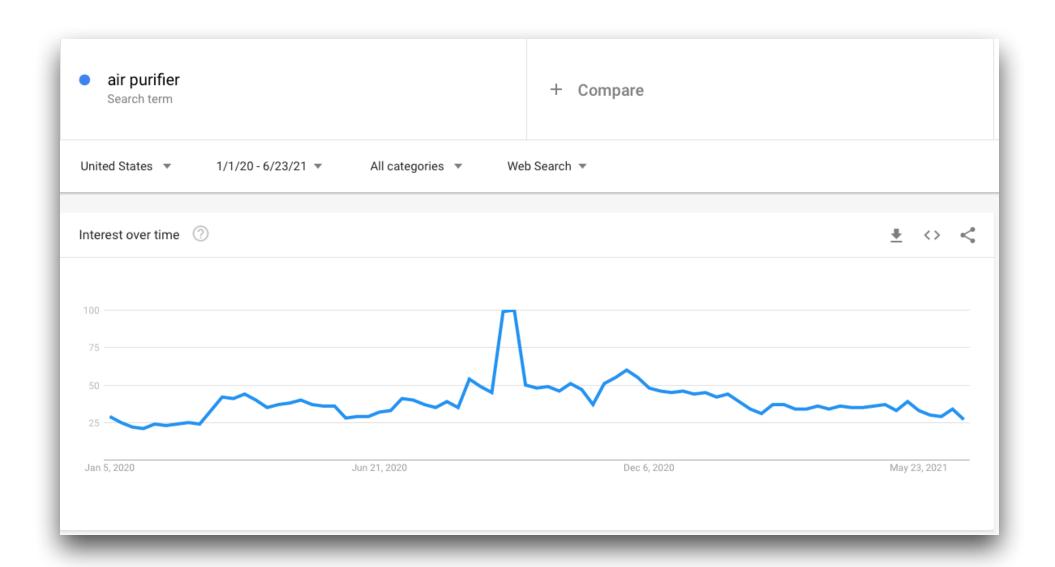




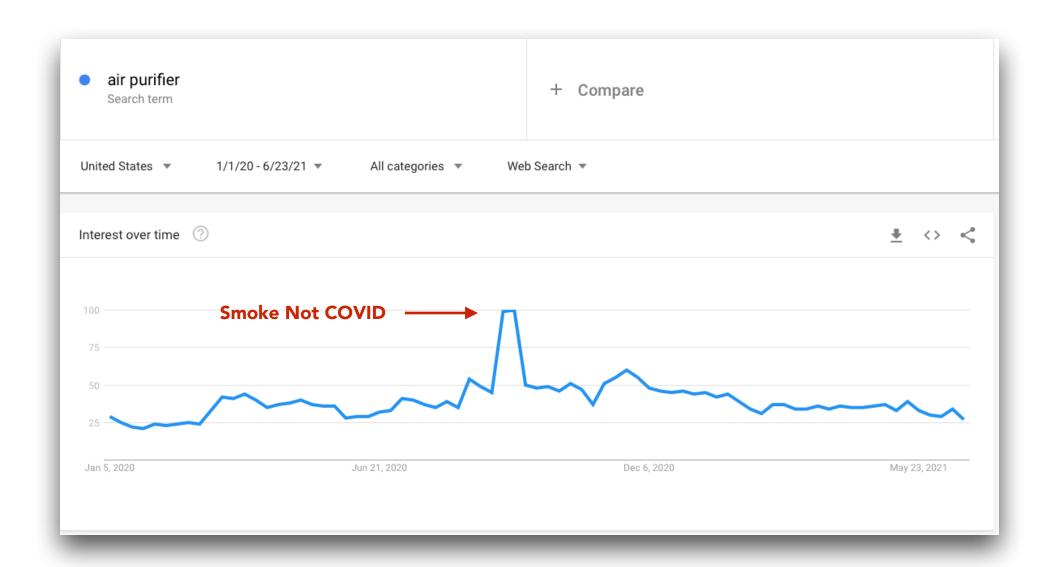


# WHAT IMPACT HAS COVID HAD?

(February 2020-April 2021)



#### Google Trends, 1/1/20 to present



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## **Air Purification Explosion & Trends**

Breakout
Breakout
3350%
1650%
650%
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600%
550%
500%
400%
400%
400%
300%

RISING	
black friday air purifier	Breakout
proton pure air purifier	Breakout
breathe pure air purifier	Breakout
best air purifier for wildfire smoke	Breakout
conway air purifier	Breakout
aurabeat air purifier	Breakout
coway ap-1512hh mighty air purifier with t	Breakout
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pureflow smart air purifier	Breakout
breathe pure plus air purifier	Breakout
proton pure air purifier reviews	Breakout
healthway air purifier	Breakout
medi air purifier	2700%
ps5 air purifier	2650%
filtrete air purifier reviews	2650%
pure enrichment purezone 3-in-1 air purific	2600%
nature fresh air purifier	550%
renpho air purifier	400%
dyson hot and cool air purifier	350%
nature fresh air purifier bags	300%
thunderstorm air purifier	300%
air police air purifier	250%
oxypure air purifier	200%
wirecutter air purifier	190%
air doctor air purifier	170%

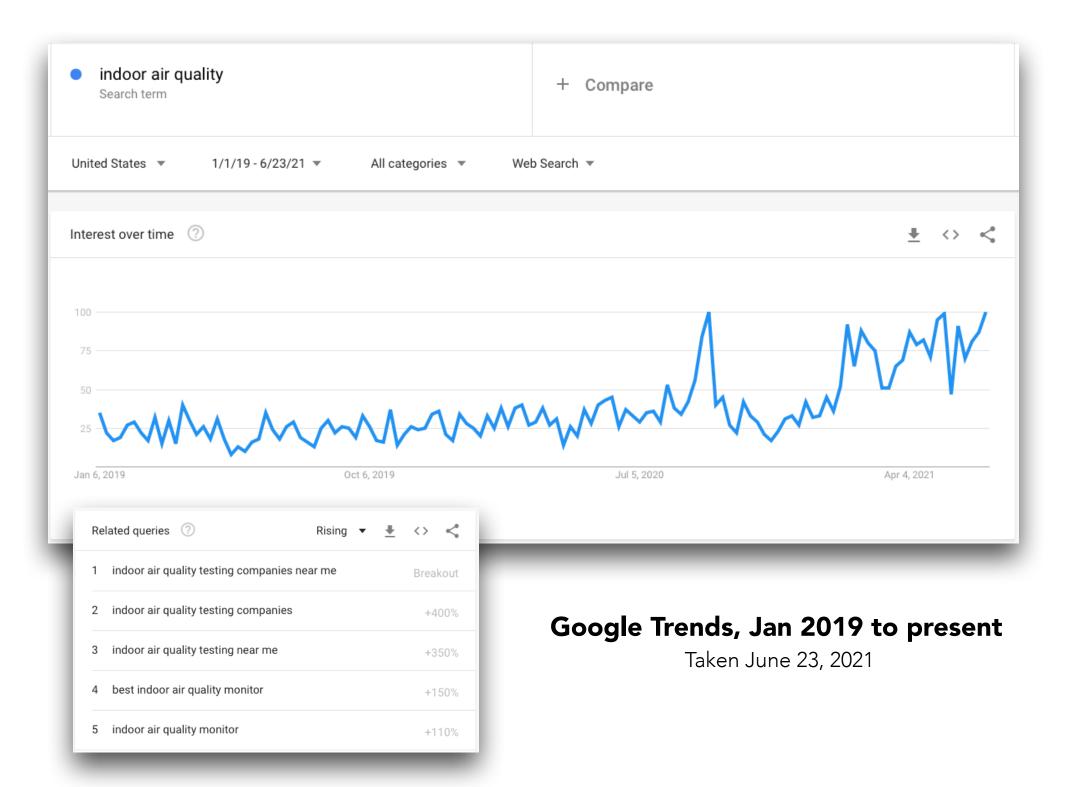
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whole house hepa air purifier	Breakout
whole house air purifier installation	3200%
best air purifier 2021	2100%
levoit air purifier red light	1000%
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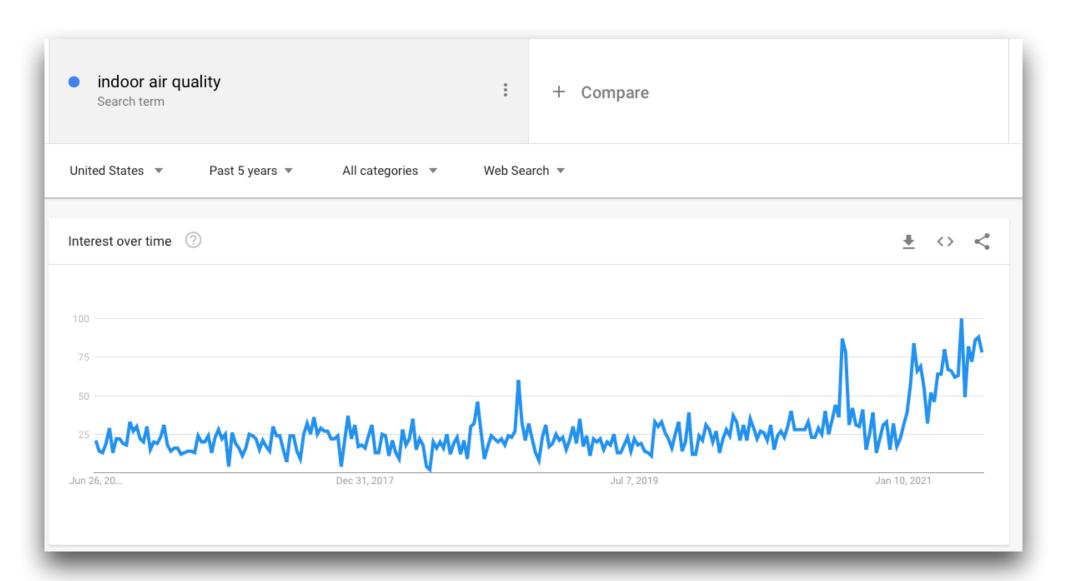
March-July 2020

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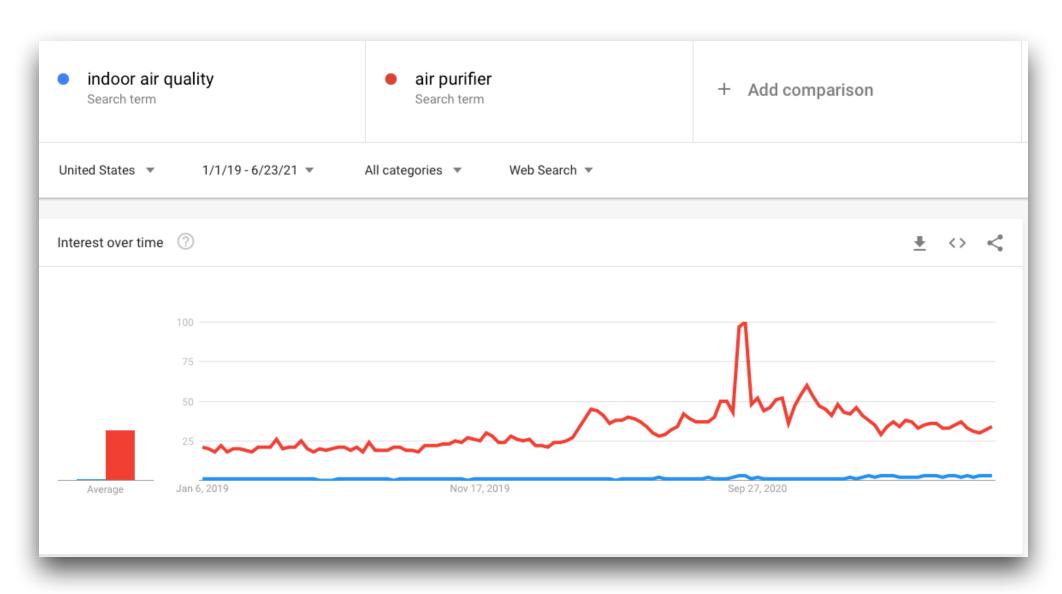
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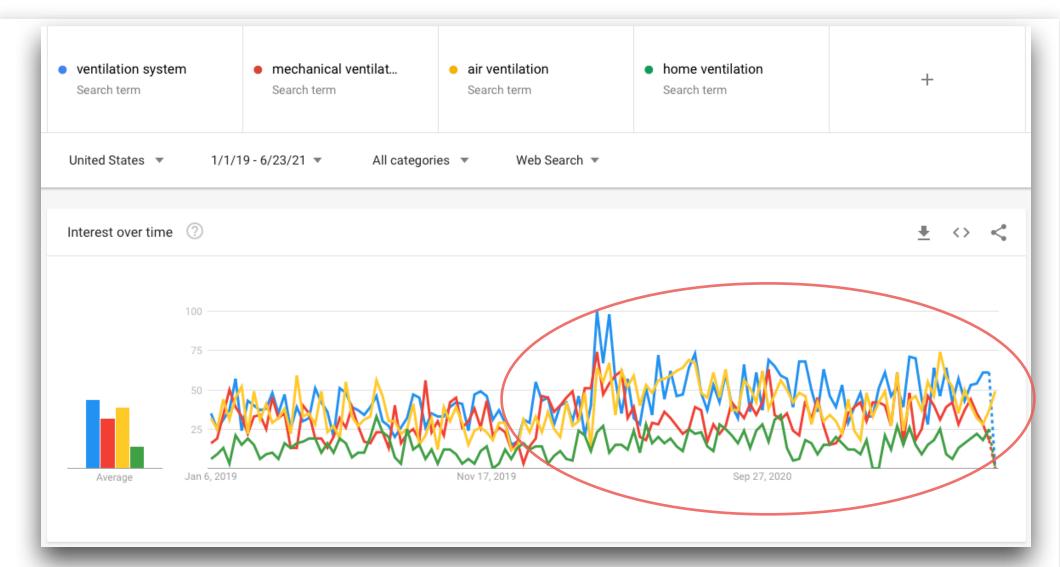


### **Google Trends, Past 5 Years**



Google Trends, Jan 2019 to present

## The COVID Bump for Ventilation



Google Trends, 1/1/19 to present



## **Energy Circle Google Ads Dataset**



~\$250,000 per month for 8 years 125,000 keywords Major regions of US



## **Growing Competition**

Average Cost Per Click (Google)

2020 \$4.19

2021 \$7.56

Energy Circle
Healthy Homes/IAQ/Purification
Dataset



## **Summary Observations**

#### Purification Mania is Subsiding

But it is STILL the first thing on most consumer's minds

#### Indoor Air Quality Testing is on the Rise

Perhaps this is the legacy of the COVID era A diagnostic starting point remains the key entry point

#### Ventilation Got a Boost

General awareness continues to grow

Consumer understanding remains very modest

Whole house ventilation has become a much easier sell

#### Competition is Growing

Higher marketing costs New entrants





# TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE POST-COVID BOUNCE

### 2 Part Business Model

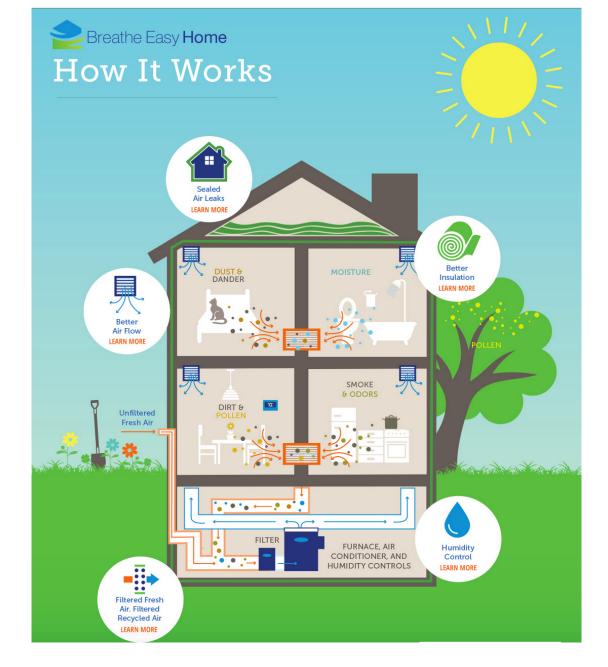
## 1 DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS

- Onsite Visual Assessment
- Pressure Test
- CAZ
- IAQ Logging
- Ventilation Assessment?

# 2 MEASURES WITH BUSINESS VALUE

- Whole House Ventilation
- Envelope Control (air leakage)
- Crawlspace Encapsulation
- Duct Cleaning and Sealing
- Moisture Control
- Equipment Replacement





## The Ultimate Indoor Air Quality System

Breathe Easy Home's Indoor Air Quality System removes allergy and asthma triggers, and other irritants and pollutants, from your home's indoor environment. We make structural improvements that are more effective than store-bought air purifiers, filter upgrades, HEPA vacuums, or bedding wraps. You'll feel better with healthier air.

## **Long From Storytelling:**

Advanced Landing Pages



#### Is Your House Making Your Family Sick?

Without a whole-home approach, issues can arise that may lead to health concerns, like mold growth, poor ventilation, radon gas infiltration, and poor indoor air quality, issues like these can affect the health of your entire family. Symptoms may vary from person to person, so it's important to know about the many

#### **Physical Symptoms**

- · Fatigue, weakness & lethargy Frequent sickness

#### Cognitive Symptoms

- Foggy thinking or short term memory loss . Difficulty sleeping and waking up



#### **Emotional Symptoms**

- . Feeling agitated or depressed
- Worry or anxiety

#### **Respiratory Symptoms**

- · Coughing or shortness of breath
- Increased asthma symptoms

#### Pets

Pets can be even more sensitive than humans are to household chemicals and allergens

#### Does This Sound Like You?

I think my house is making me sick. I get headaches and feel dizzy but it all goes away when I leave the hous



My hardwood floors are warping I have a lot of moisture in my crawlspace from the recent rain and it's messing up my floors!



The house smells damp and musty but I can't figure out where it's coming from or what's causing it

#### Which Symptoms are you Seeing in Your Home?

#### (1) Excess Dust & Dirt

- House looks dingy, even after it's been cleaned
- Increased allergy symptoms, especially after cleaning
   Frequent dusting, especially after turning on the heat or AC

#### (2) Condensation & Mold Growth

- Condensation on the inside of windows in the winter
- Visible mold growth in bathrooms, on window sills, on air registers, etc.
- Mold stains on bathroom ceilings and above leaky windows & doors

#### 3 Unpleasant Odors

- House smells when you first enter, or certain rooms smell
- . Musty or moldy smells you can't get rid of

#### (4) Humidity Issues

- Air feels damp or clammy, even when the air conditioning is running.

#### (5) Temperature Discomfort

- · Home is always too hot or too cold
- · House feels drafty, especially during the winte



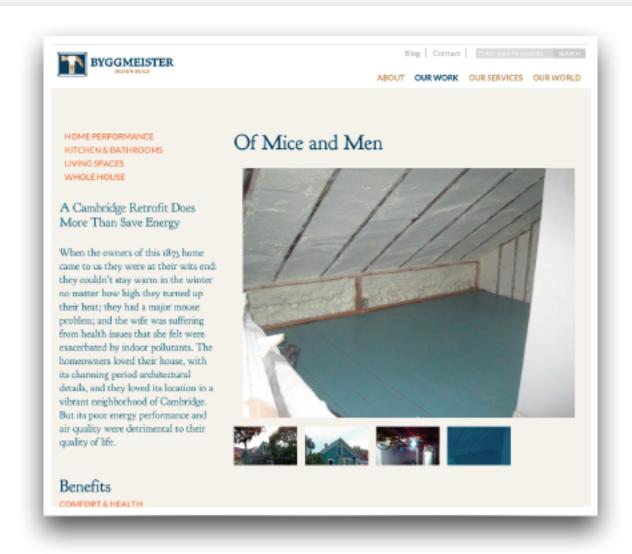
## **Content That Connects Health & Home**

- Air Purifiers & COVID-19
- The Air in Your House--Where's it Come From?
- Is Your House Making You Sick?
- The Benefits of a Fresh Air Ventilation System
- Your House, Your Kids and Asthma
- Low Levels of Carbon Monoxide--Are You Safe?
- Pests in Your Walls--Not Just an Annoyance
- Choosing Healthy Materials for Your Home



### **Use Case Studies**

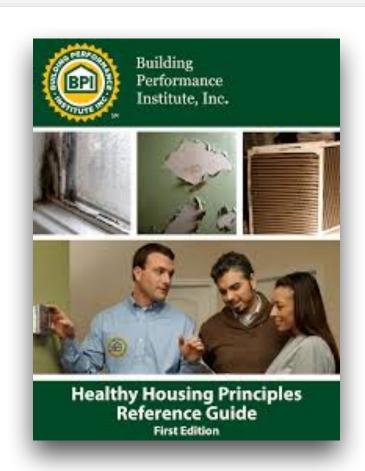
- Measures We Implemented
- Voice of the Client





## **Embrace 3rd Party Principles**

- Keep it Clean
- Keep it Dry
- Keep it Pest-free
- Keep it Contaminant-free
- Keep it Safe
- Keep it Ventilated
- Keep it Comfortable
- Keep it Maintained



Building Performance Institute Healthy Housing Principles Reference Guide





## QUESTIONS?