

About the Book:

Moving into a new home is exciting, but it can also be scary, confusing, and overwhelming. What is the best way to cool down the house without damaging the air conditioner? Why is a sump pump important and how does it work? When is the best time to check the exhaust and intake vents?

Tame Your Home — A Manual to Avoid Breakdowns and Keep Your Home Healthy answers all of these questions and more. This home improvement and maintenance guide helps to demystify the management of a home, showing householders how to care for and maintain the home while minimizing the potential for unwelcome surprises.

New tenants and homeowners will learn how the different systems and features in a home work to create a harmonious space. They will also begin to understand how those systems can break down if they are not regularly maintained. Organized into two main sections—Indoor Features and Outdoor Features—*Tame Your Home* provides detailed information on individual systems and elements, such as:

- Plumbing
- Concrete flatwork
- Flooring
- Insulation
- Landscaping, grading, and drainage
- Decks
- The electrical system

This manual also offers multiple checklists and maintenance schedules that are organized by season to help inexperienced people monitor what needs regular upkeep.

The goal of this book is to help empower new homeowners and tenants and give them the tools to care for their homes in the long-term. All the tips and tricks offered within these pages truly help you tame your home so that your home works for, and not against, you.

About the Author:

Eric Kraushaar has a wealth of experience in the real estate and construction sector. He has owned and operated a construction company for many years and has both a hands-on and in-depth knowledge of the best way to maintain and upgrade homes and other buildings. In addition to his experience with the construction side of the industry, he has also worked as a commercial lawyer where he has dealt with many cases involving properties and buildings.

Kraushaar's goal is to provide his readers with meaningful information they can carry with them throughout their lives, regardless of where they live. His no-nonsense and simplistic approach

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to maintaining the home is done with the hopes of instilling confidence and a sense of accomplishment that is lasting.

Kraushaar and his wife live in southern Ontario. They see their five grown children regularly.