



## GARAGE

- Antifreeze can taste sweet but has deadly consequences. Store bottles on high shelves, and frequently check your car for leaks.
- Keep pesticides, fertilizers, and snail bait far from pup's reach.
- Other harmful garage items include batteries, cleaners and solvents, motor oil and gasoline, craft glues, and cement mix.

## BATHROOM

- Check at your puppy's level for medications and chemicals. Don't store these items under the sink.
- Move poisonous toilet and drain cleaners from behind the toilet. Keep the toilet seat down!
- Put away your hair dryer. A plugged in dryer could be knocked and accidentally turned on by your pup.



# Puppy-proof your home

Follow this room-by-room guide to eliminate possible household hazards before you take your new pup home.

## KITCHEN

- Keep trash cans covered and behind closed doors. Hazards: coffee grounds, spoiled food, bacteria, and sharp objects.
- Remove toxic cleaners and soaps from under the sink, or put childproof locks on the cabinet.
- Store baking goods, especially chocolate and raisins, on a high shelf in the pantry.
- Keep tempting foods off the kitchen counter, especially potentially toxic foods like grapes and tree nuts.
- Check for insect bait and rodent poison behind the fridge and stove.
- Keep the dishwasher closed. Dirty plates and sharp utensils are tempting for puppy to taste.

## LIVING ROOM

- Tuck in electronic wires and cables as best you can. Spray with Bitter Apple to deter chewing.
- If you smoke, keep tobacco products and ashtrays far from pup's reach.
- Keep paper shredders unplugged when not in use.
- Many plants can be toxic if chewed, especially lily varieties, such as the popular Easter lily.

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