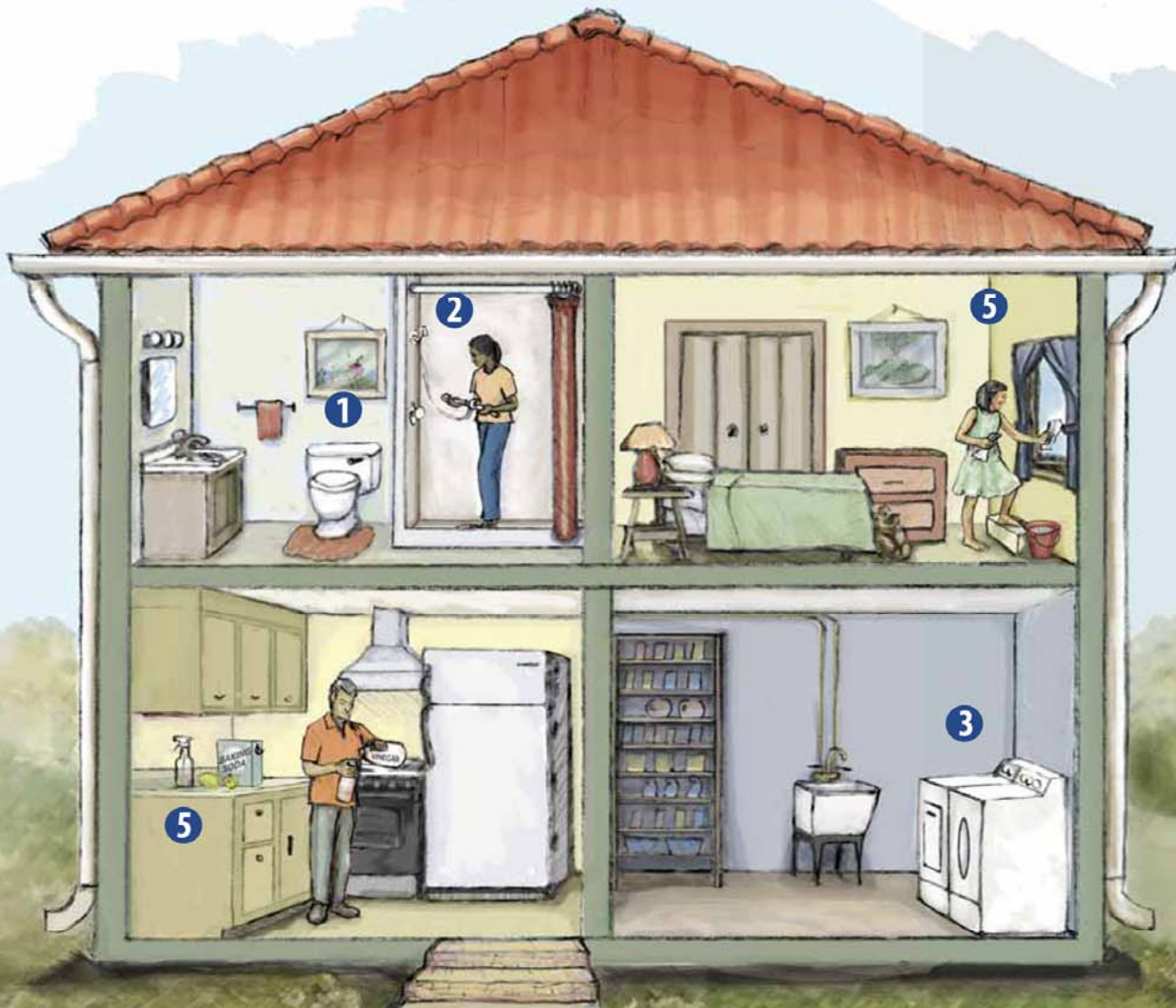


What you do in and around your home has an impact on the bay.

Every day you have the opportunity to choose simple actions that can promote a healthy and beautiful bay. From conserving water to careful handling and disposal of chemicals like cleaners, paint and batteries – what you do in your home can ensure a safe and clean home for plants and animals in the bay.



### Save water and reduce pollution:

- 1 Check the toilet for leaks.** Place food coloring in the tank. Don't flush for 15 minutes; if color shows up in the bowl you have a leak. Replace with a low-flow toilet . . . . . page 6
- 2 Save water and save money with low-flow shower heads.** Low-flow shower heads use about 3 gallons of water a minute, whereas outdated shower heads use 5 to 10 gallons a minute . . . . . page 6
- 3 Save water and money by only running full loads of laundry.** Energy- and water-efficient front loading washers use 25 gallons a load, while most top loading washers use 45 gallons . . . . . page 6
- 4 Be careful what you put in the trash.** Some household products are **toxic** and are considered **hazardous waste** . . . . . page 8-9
- 5 Reduce chemicals** in your home by using cleaners made with everyday kitchen ingredients . . . . . page 12-13

