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ABOUT HOW
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I—House Ivy: Damaging or healthy to the house?

Ivy belongs on the ground, not on your house. The roots can be very damaging to brick, getting into and expanding any mortar cracks. Ivy holds in moisture, lifts gutters, and can creep into windows. It can also lift siding which provides an entrance for insects and mice into the house wall.

How to remove ivy from your house!

Use loppers and shears to cut the ivy down to ground level and pull it off the chimney as gently as possible. This leaves behind dozens of little suction cups know as “hold fasts”. Let them dry, and scrape them off with putty knife. Remove the remaining residue with low pressure power washer or by hand scrubbing.



II— 4 pet friendly home improvement ideas!

We love our pets, enough to spend \$61 billion dollars a year in the US. But what can we do inexpensively to improve our pets lives?



1—Give them their own personal living and eating space. Add a mat under their feeding bowls . Don't leave human foods and medication where pets can access them. Discard perishable trash daily, keep trash odors low with baking soda and tight fitting lid. You don't want your pet eating items that can be harmful to them such as chicken bones and fruit seeds and cores.

2—Fabric flooring and materials:

Go with fabrics and flooring materials that make it less work for you. Stylish, easy-care, leather or Ultrasuede can be wiped clean and won't be dramatically affected by wear. Crypton® super fabric is a synthetic germ—and stain—resistant option and available at crypton online stores.



Try to stay away from carpet if possible. For small dogs, hardwood with urethane finish is a great choice and for large dogs, over 20lbs, ceramic tile or non porous hard surface flooring would be best.



3- Your yard:

Decide if you need to build or add any structures, install fences or invisible fences and is the landscaping pet friendly. Plants that can be dangerous to your pets are azaleas, ferns, ivies, daffodils and daylilies. Pet Friendly plants can include bamboo, and catnip. If you have a digging dog you may have to put fencing or stones into earth under your fence. You can install a doggy or cat door to go outside for easy living.

4 - Food time:

Buying in bulk can save money, but storing the food has its issues You must avoid food contamination and vitamin degradation. Leftover wet food must be refrigerated at 40°F. Dry food should be stored at 80°F or less. Note that dry foods are more nutritious and less susceptible to spoilage than wet foods.



**Enjoy a Great
Summer**

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