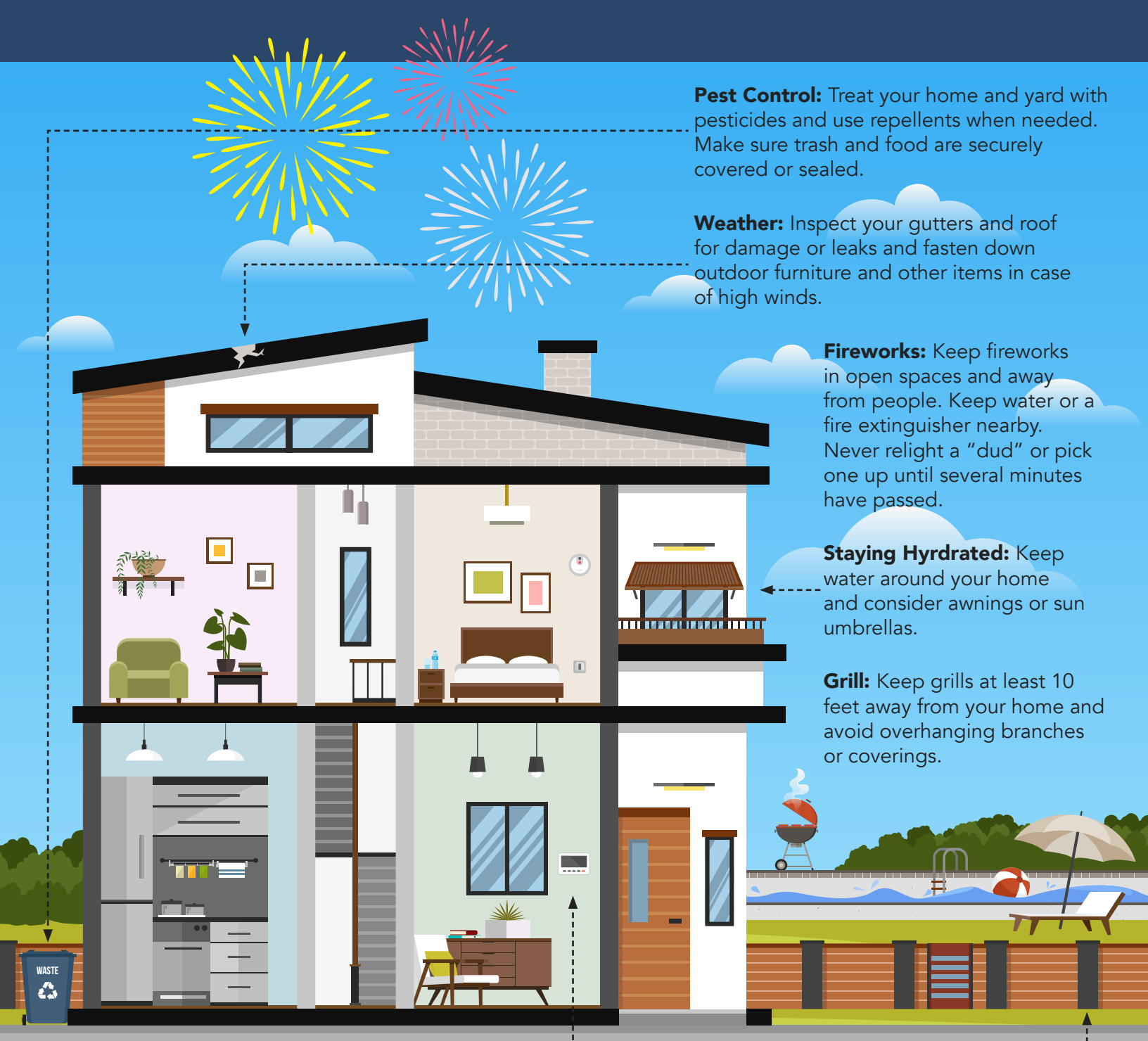


Summer Home Safety Tips



Pest Control: Treat your home and yard with pesticides and use repellents when needed. Make sure trash and food are securely covered or sealed.

Weather: Inspect your gutters and roof for damage or leaks and fasten down outdoor furniture and other items in case of high winds.

Fireworks: Keep fireworks in open spaces and away from people. Keep water or a fire extinguisher nearby. Never relight a "dud" or pick one up until several minutes have passed.

Staying Hydrated: Keep water around your home and consider awnings or sun umbrellas.

Grill: Keep grills at least 10 feet away from your home and avoid overhanging branches or coverings.

When Traveling: Install a security alarm or make sure an existing alarm has fresh batteries.

Pools: Ensure a fence is in place and the gate is self-closing. Monitor children and make sure those who cannot swim have a float or life jacket.