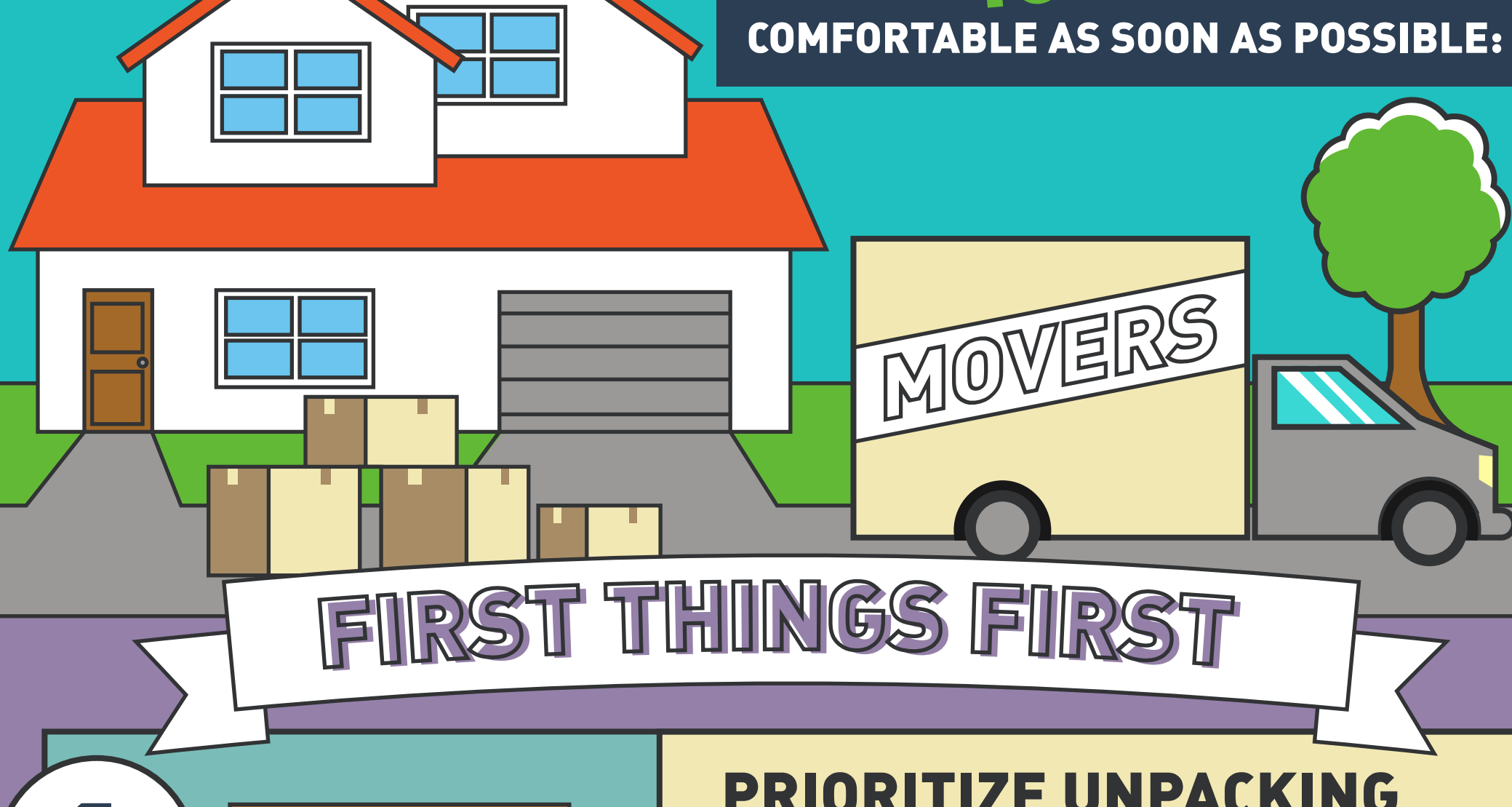


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# WAYS TO MAKE YOUR NEW HOUSE A HOME

Moving into new home is an exciting time! But nobody wants to live in a house full of boxes for too long.

HERE ARE **10** TIPS TO GETTING YOU COMFORTABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

1.

### PRIORITIZE UNPACKING YOUR BEDROOM CLOSET.

Focus on making your home liveable first, not presentable.

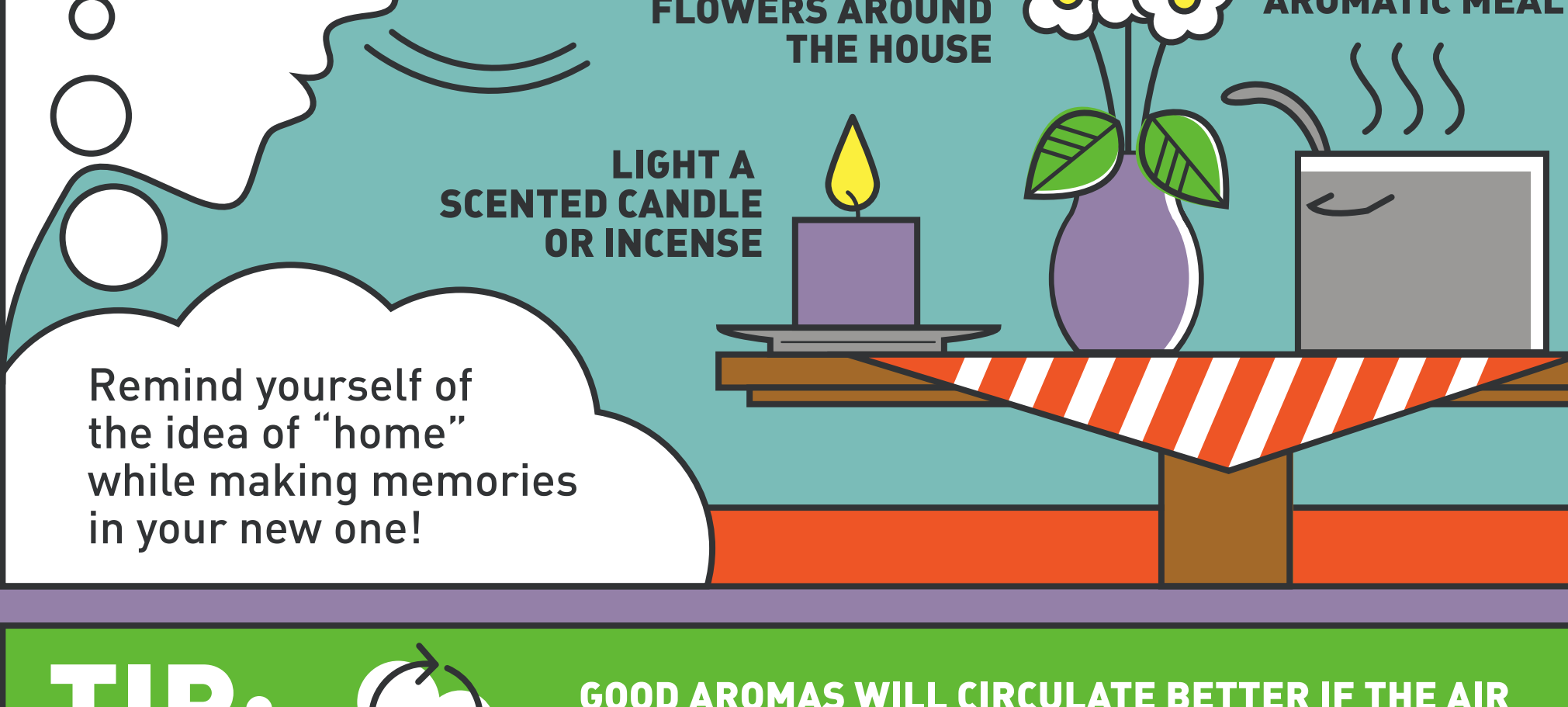


**NEXT STEP:**  
CLEAN, COZY SHEETS!

2.

### BRING OUT YOUR FAVORITE SCENTS!

Our sense of smell is the most strongly linked to memory!



PUT FRAGRANT FLOWERS AROUND THE HOUSE

COOK YOUR FAVORITE AROMATIC MEAL

LIGHT A SCENTED CANDLE OR INCENSE

Remind yourself of the idea of "home" while making memories in your new one!

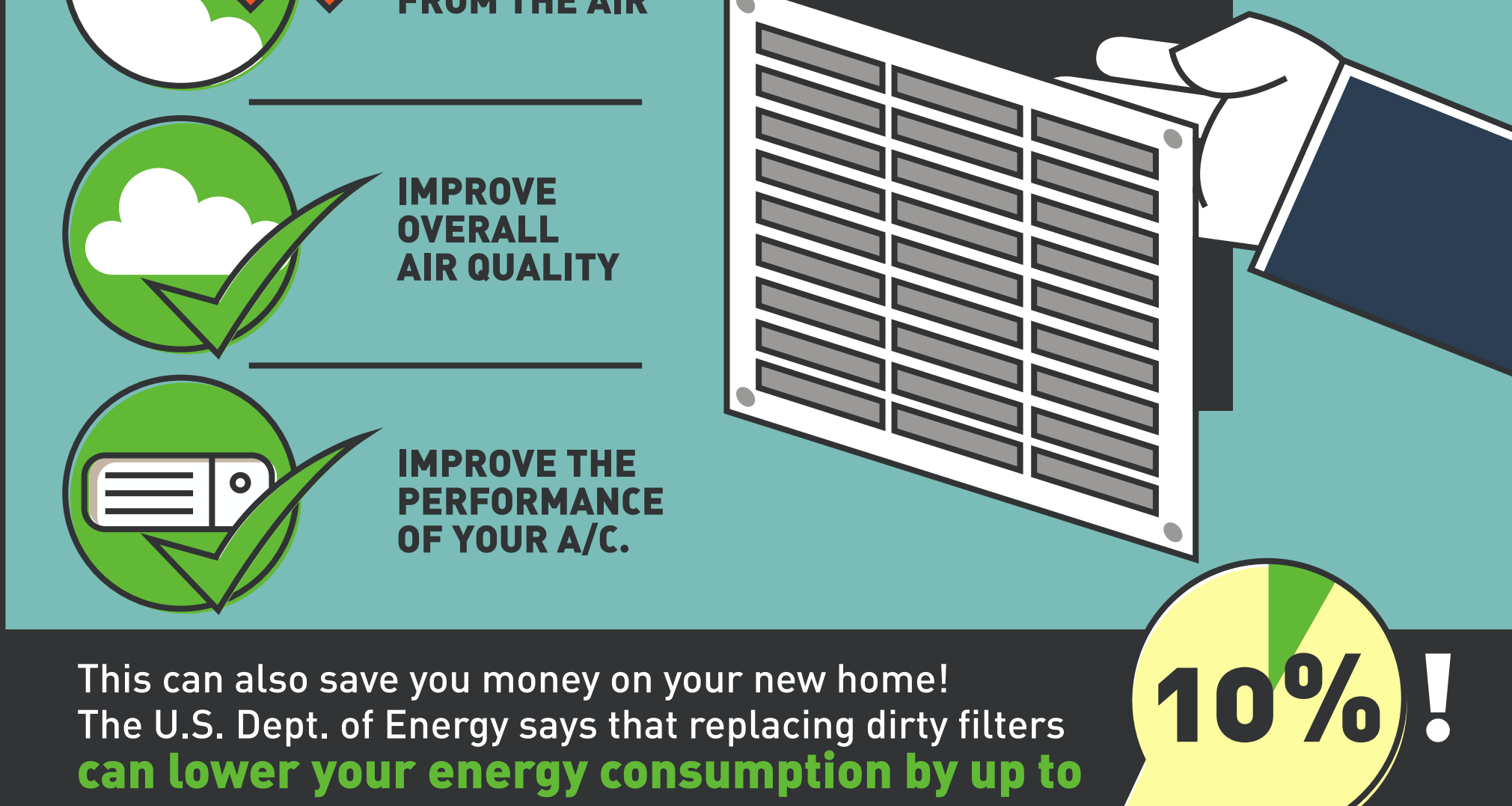
**TIP:**

GOOD AROMAS WILL CIRCULATE BETTER IF THE AIR IN YOUR HOME IS ALREADY CLEAN, SO BE SURE TO...

3.

### CHECK & REPLACE DIRTY AIR FILTERS.

Changing the air filter can...



REMOVE ALLERGENS FROM THE AIR

IMPROVE OVERALL AIR QUALITY

IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR A/C.

This can also save you money on your new home! The U.S. Dept. of Energy says that replacing dirty filters can lower your energy consumption by up to

**10%!!**

## CHECK YOUR TECH

4.

### CHANGE BAD BATTERIES ON YOUR...

- Smoke Detector
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm



Roughly **2/3rds** of home fire deaths result from homes without working smoke alarms.

5.

### SECURE YOUR HOUSE



UPDATE LOCKS OR DEADBOLTS ON DOORS

CHECK FENCING FOR GAPS - ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE PETS!

INSTALL OR UPDATE YOUR ALARM SYSTEM

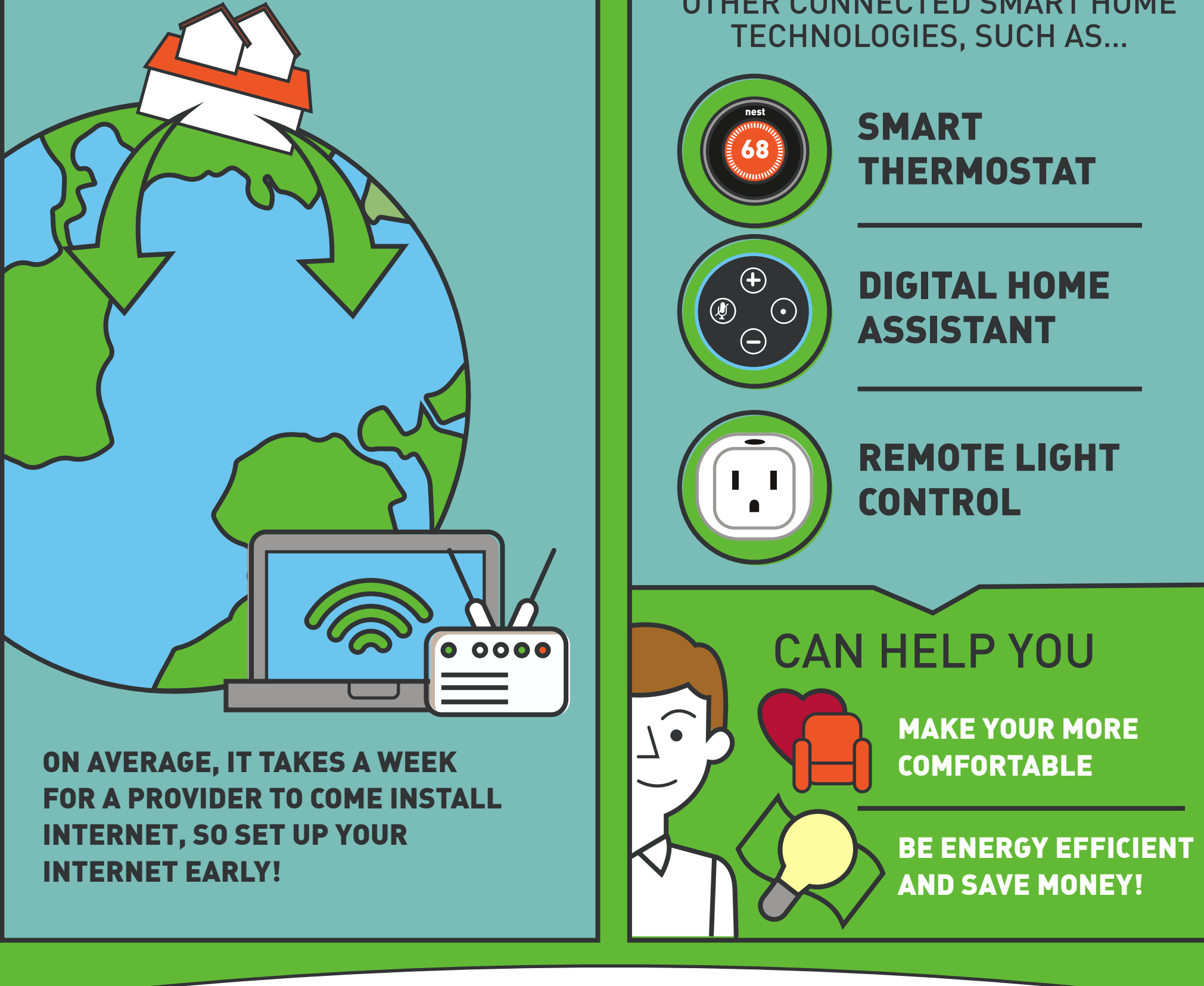
**TIP:**

TRY A SMART HOME SECURITY SYSTEM TO ENSURE YOUR NEW HOME IS SAFE, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE! TO DO THAT, YOU NEED TO...

6.

### SET UP YOUR INTERNET

Your home is your sanctuary, but you don't want it to be completely cut off from the world!



OTHER CONNECTED SMART HOME TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS...

**SMART THERMOSTAT**

**DIGITAL HOME ASSISTANT**

**REMOTE LIGHT CONTROL**

CAN HELP YOU

MAKE YOUR MORE COMFORTABLE

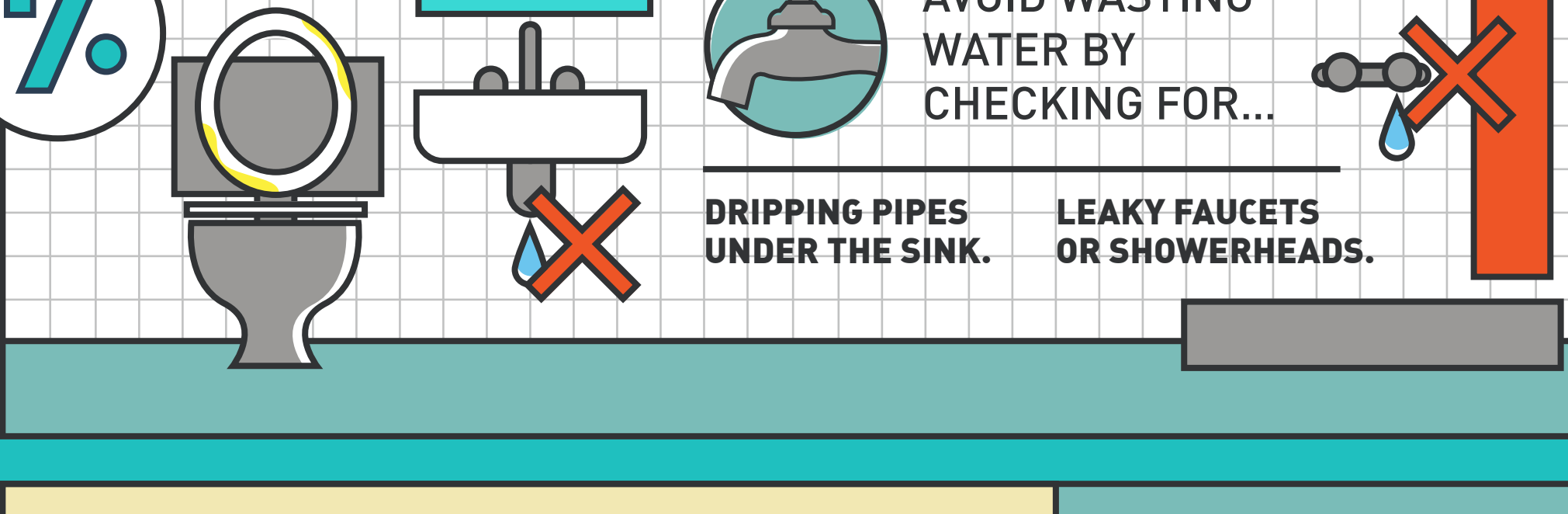
BE ENERGY EFFICIENT AND SAVE MONEY!

## ADD THE FINISHING TOUCHES!

7.

### SPRUCE UP YOUR BATHROOM

Take off your toilet seats to get a deep clean (or replace them altogether!)



AVOID WASTING WATER BY CHECKING FOR...

DRIPPING PIPES UNDER THE SINK.

LEAKY FAUCETS OR SHOWERHEADS.

8.

### HANG YOUR WALLS

Hang family photos first, then your art.



DON'T HANG ANYTHING BIG UNTIL YOU HAVE...

UNPACKED

PLACED YOUR FURNITURE

9.

### PAINT YOUR FRONT DOOR

Fresh paint can go a long way to liven up a house.



RATHER THAN PAINT YOUR WHOLE HOUSE, PICK A NEW COLOR FOR YOUR FRONT DOOR!

10.

### MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!



CONGRATS, YOUR NEW HOUSE IS NOW YOUR HOME...  
...NOW IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR STREET YOUR COMMUNITY!

### SOURCES

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