

# Dominguez Channel Odor Incident Returning Home Checklist

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is providing the following checklist of recommendations to improve the air quality inside your home and reduce contaminants that may cause symptoms such as eye, nose, and throat irritation, headaches and can trigger asthma. Following the steps and recommendations below can help keep contaminants out of your home's air.

Steps	Actions to Take	Completed
1	<b>OPEN windows and doors.</b> This flushes stale, odorous air out of the home when it has been closed for long periods.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2	<b>Run water for 2 minutes at all sinks.</b> The water will refill the P trap in the drains that stops odors from entering into the house from the plumbing system.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3	<b>RUN portable fan(s).</b> This assists with flushing stale air from the home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4	<b>UNPACK the air purifier and refer to the Air Purifier fact sheet.</b> This provides guidance on the operation, proper use, and maintenance of the air purifier. When used, air purifiers filter particles and help remove odors from the indoor air.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5	<b>If you have a central heating, ventilation, air conditioner (HVAC), install High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) or MERV-rated filters with activated charcoal (carbon).</b> This filters particles and helps remove odors from the indoor air when your HVAC is on.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6	<b>DISCARD any spoiled foods and clean the refrigerator as needed.</b> This eliminates a potential source of foul odors and ensures fresh food upon your return.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
7	<b>CLOSE windows, doors, and any other openings.</b> This helps keep outdoor odors outside.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Additional General Guidance as You Return Home		
1	<b>CLEAN surfaces and items (counter tops, tables, appliances, left out dishes) using your preferred cleaning products.</b> This removes dust, residual particles, etc. on surfaces.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2	<b>VACUUM and/or mop floors.</b> This removes dust, dirt, residual particles, etc. from the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3	<b>LAUNDER bedding as needed.</b> This ensures clean fabrics as you return home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4	<b>Inspect for any vermin (fruit flies, moths, house flies, cockroaches, beetles) and remove appropriately.</b> This removes insects that may have entered your house while you were gone.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

*If you have completed all these steps and continue to experience any symptoms, please contact the Public Health Community line at (626) 430-9821 and leave a message with your contact information and your call will be returned.*

