

## SINGLE LEVEL/LOW MAINTENANCE LIVING

- Clear floor space for easier access in main living spaces
- Deck, patio or balcony surfaces no more than ½ " below interior floor level if made of wood
- Flooring with color/texture contrast to indicate change in surface levels

## KITCHEN

- Easy to read controls
- Side-swing or wall oven
- Raised dishwasher with button controls
- Open shelving for collections
- Glass-front cabinet doors
- Varied height counters
- Pull-down shelving
- Microwave oven at counter height

## ENTRY

- Minimum 36-inch door width
- Levered door hardware
- Threshold should be flush, ½" bevel exterior, maximum ¼" bevel interior
- Non-slip flooring in foyer
- Accessible doorbell
- Entry door sidelight or high/low peep hole viewer; sidelight should provide both privacy and safety

## GARAGE

- Plenty of storage
- 5ft min. lighted access aisle ways
- Wider than average to accommodate van lifts
- Door heights possibly 9ft to accommodate raised roof vans

# AGING- IN- PLACE

# UNIVERSAL DESIGN CHECKLIST

## LAUNDRY/MUDROOM

## STORAGE

- Front loading laundry machines
- Closest to the MBR/Bath
- Task lighting
- Lighting in closets
- Adjustable closet rods and shelves
- Easy open doors that do not obstruct access
- Open under-counter seated work areas

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# LIGHTING, FIXTURES & HARDWARES

- Sufficient clear floor space, ideally 30" by 48" at appliances or 60" diameter clear space for turns
- Placement of task lighting
- Pulls on cabinets, No knobs
- Pull-out spray faucet; levered handles

# BATHROOM

- Efficient, open layout for easy maneuverability
- Slip-resistant flooring in bathroom and shower
- Roll-in or "Zero Threshold" shower entrance
- Showers with bench seats
- Wall support for counters & removable base cabinets
- Contrasting color edge border at countertops
- Wall bracing around tub, shower, shower seat and toilet for installation of grab bars to support 250 - 300 pounds
- Lever handles or pedal-controlled faucets
- Bathtub - lower for easier access
- Light in shower stall

# & STAIRWAYS

# ELEVATORS

- Stacked closets in multi-story homes for future elevator
- 5ft landing provided at entrance
- 2-inch curbs for safety
- color contrast
- Slope no greater than 1 inch rise

# ENERGY EFFICIENT & SAFETY

- HVAC filters are easily accessible
- Energy efficient HVAC units
- Windows that can be opened for cross ventilation
- Audible and visual strobe light system
- Easy-to-see and read thermostats
- Pre-programmed thermostats
- Flashing porch light or 911 switch