# Restoring the Living Area Label

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# QUESTION

The label that displays my Living Area has disappeared. How can I restore its display?
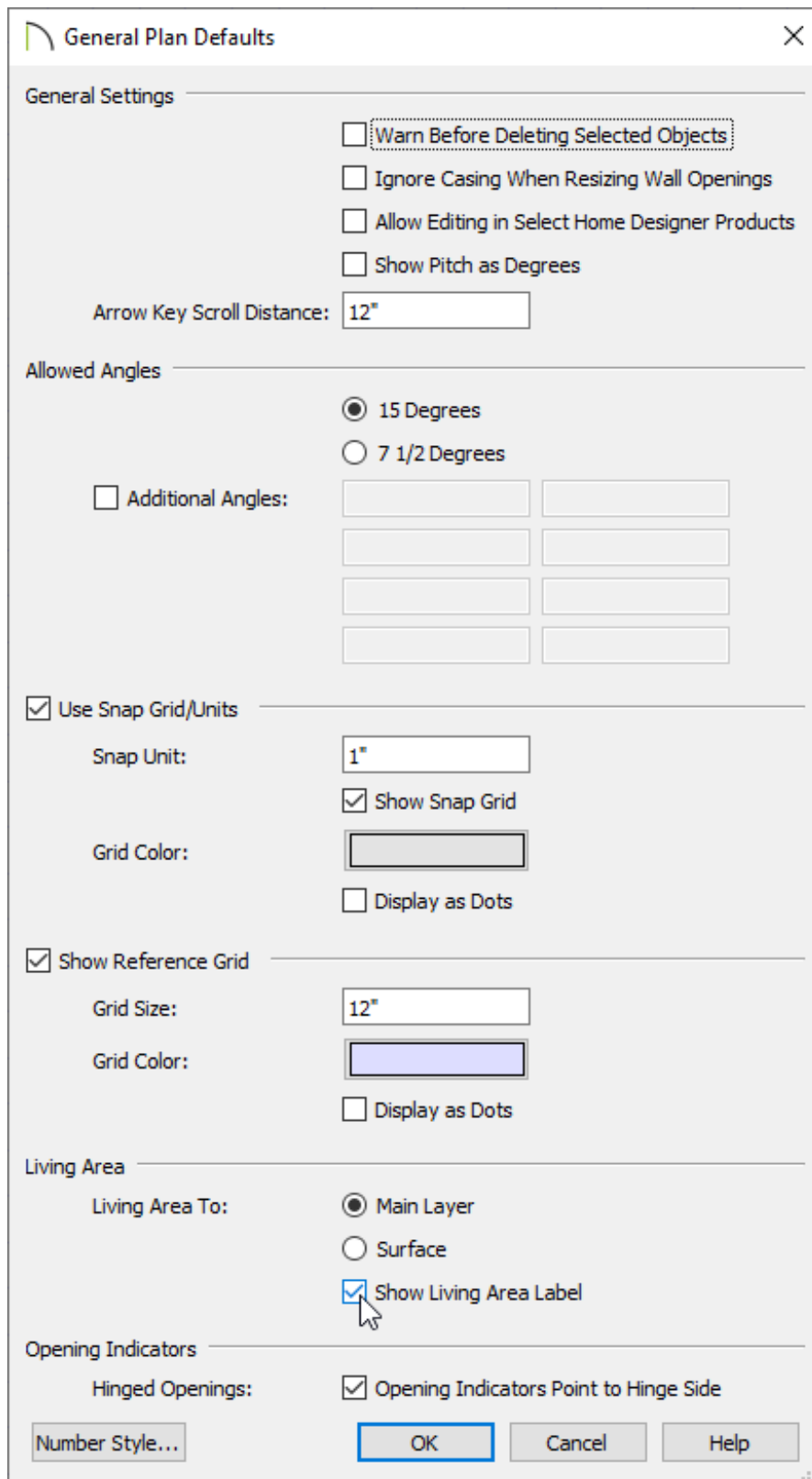
# ANSWER

If the Living Area label has disappeared or was deleted, it can be regenerated by accessing the General Plan Defaults or by performing a Plan Check.

## To display the Living Area label

1. Select **Edit> Default Settings** from the menu.

2. In the **Default Settings** dialog, select **Plan** from the list, then click **Edit**.

3. In the **General Plan Defaults** dialog that displays, place a check in the box beside

**Show Living Area Label**.



General Plan Defaults dialog box:

**General Settings**
- ☐ Warn Before Deleting Selected Objects
- ☐ Ignore Casing When Resizing Wall Openings
- ☐ Allow Editing in Select Home Designer Products
- ☐ Show Pitch as Degrees
- Arrow Key Scroll Distance: 12"

**Allowed Angles**
- ◉ 15 Degrees
- ○ 7 1/2 Degrees
- ☐ Additional Angles:

**☑ Use Snap Grid/Units**
- Snap Unit: 1"
- ☑ Show Snap Grid
- Grid Color:
- ☐ Display as Dots

**☑ Show Reference Grid**
- Grid Size: 12"
- Grid Color:
- ☐ Display as Dots

**Living Area**
- Living Area To: ◉ Main Layer
- ○ Surface
- ☑ Show Living Area Label

**Opening Indicators**
- Hinged Openings: ☑ Opening Indicators Point to Hinge Side

[ Number Style... ]  [ OK ]  [ Cancel ]  [ Help ]

4. Click **OK** and **Done** to confirm the changes and close the dialogs.

If the Living Area label still does not display after enabling the setting above, please try the following:

- Select **Tools> Checks> Plan Check** ✅ from the menu. In the **Plan Check** dialog, click the **Done** button. When the dialog closes, check to see if the Living Area label displays.

- Next, ensure that the "Room Labels" layer is displayed in the **Layer Display Options** ☑️ dialog. This is the default layer for the Living Area label. You will also want to make sure that the Text Style assigned to this layer has a Character Height value large enough to be visible in the floor plan.

- If the Living Area label still doesn't appear, click on an exterior wall within a floor plan view, and use one of the resize edit handles at either end of the wall to detach it from one of the other exterior walls that it's connected to. By opening the enclosed room area, the living area calculation will be forced to update. Navigate to **Build> Floor> Rebuild Walls/Floors/Ceilings** 🏠. Reconnect the walls to restore the enclosed room area, then navigate to **Build> Floor> Rebuild Walls/Floors/Ceilings** 🏠 once again.

- You can use one of the **Text** 𝕋 tools to place a text object, then insert the Living Area (%living.area%) macro.

If you continue to have trouble with populating the Living Area label, please provide a copy of the .plan file to our Technical Support department using the Technical Support Center (https://www.chiefarchitect.com/support/article/KB-00717/using-the-technical-support-center.html).

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