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RE: City of Lockport Home Improvement Program

Dear Homeowner,

Enclosed are the fact sheet, application and Lead information booklet for the City of Lockport Home Improvement Program (HIP). Please read fact sheet carefully and complete the application and lead disclosure. Eligibility for this program will be determined from **total gross household income based on total number of residents in the home.**

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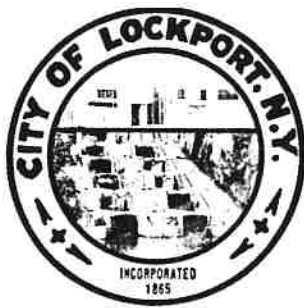
The purpose of HIP is to provide funds to make essential home repairs and correct basic structural deficiencies that present health and safety hazards to residents. The program does **NOT** provide funds for basic remodeling costs or for repairing accessory buildings such as a garage or unheated space/enclosed porch. *The eligible improvements include correction of basic structural defects or foundation problems, replace roofs, doors, windows, siding, upgrade electrical, heating, and plumbing systems, mold remediation, elimination of lead-based paint hazards, handicap accessibility compliance, and replace deficient water and septic systems.*

Any questions please contact Carrie Gugliuzza with any questions at 716-439-6686.

Don't wait!! First come, first served!

Sincerely,

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CITY OF LOCKPORT HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The New York State Affordable Housing Corporation has awarded funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the City of Lockport to assist owner-occupants residing in 1-4 family homes within the City of Lockport in undertaking essential housing improvement work.

The NYS Home Improvement Program helps income-eligible homeowners to substantially reduce their home repair costs by providing direct financial assistance in the form of a grant. The amount and type of financial assistance available to a household is based on income in relation to family size.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The property to be improved must be an owner-occupied, 1-4 unit dwelling. If more than one person owns the property, all owners must live there year-round in order for the property to be eligible for the HIP program.

The City will give priority to elderly and/or disabled residents within the target area.

In the event that the demand for HIP funds exceeds availability, the City will give preference to households living in homes with structural deficiencies which are a serious threat to the health and safety of occupants, such as deteriorated roofing causing leakage to heated living space (not porches or garages); inoperable or faulty heating systems; defective plumbing and sanitary facilities, and unsafe electrical systems.

Property taxes, water bills and sewer charges must be paid to date for the subject property, as well as any other property in Lockport owned by the applicant(s).
Insurance premiums and mortgage payments (if applicable) must also be current.
Be prepared to provide verification of these items.

If a property for which grant assistance is provided is sold or transferred, or no longer occupied by the owner(s) or HIP participant(s), or upon the death of the HIP participant(s), within the first FIVE years following completion of work, the entire HIP grant award (100%) must be repaid. During years 6 through 10 years the repayment amount would decrease 20% of the grant total per year until after the 10th year the grant would be fully forgive. 9.9% of the funds towards home improvement would be in a deferred loan; if a property for which this assistance is provided is sold or transferred, or no longer occupied by the owner(s) or HIP participant(s), or upon the death of the HIP participant(s) the entire 9.9% deferred loan must be repaid.



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INCOME GUIDELINES

Eligibility for the program will be determined from total gross household income. The amount and type of assistance provided to a household will depend on the income of the household. **All information on income will be verified by the City.** The income limits established for the program are as follows:

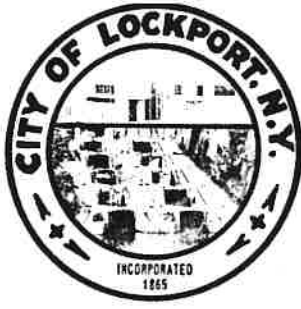
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The minimum amount necessary to correct deficiencies will be expended with the maximum amount not to exceed \$35,000. Households will be eligible for a grant for 100% of the rehabilitation costs with 9.9% assistance as a deferred loan.

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements listed in the following section will be given priority under the Home Improvement Program. It is important to note that the purpose of the HIP is to provide funds to make essential home repairs and correct basic structural deficiencies that present health and safety hazards to residents. The program does NOT provide funds for basic remodeling costs, or for repairing accessory buildings, such as a garage or unheated space, for example an enclosed porch.

1. Correct basic structural defects or foundation problems
2. Replace/repair roofs, doors, windows or siding
3. Replace/repair electrical, heating or plumbing systems
4. Mold remediation
5. Elimination of lead-based paint hazards
6. Handicap accessibility compliance
7. Replace/repair deficient water or septic systems



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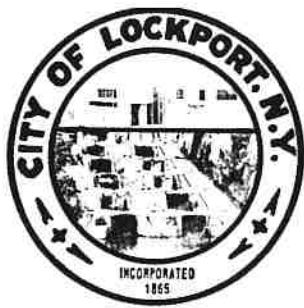
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LEAD-BASED PAINT POISONING

If a property was constructed before 1978, there is a possibility that it contains lead-based paint. A 14-page publication entitled "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" has been handed out during application process. (please sign attached disclosure and return with application)

NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) CODES

HUD requires that all properties rehabilitated under the Home Improvement Program be brought into compliance with NFPA 74, which established a standard for the installation, maintenance of household fire warning equipment, i.e., smoke detectors. NFPA 74 (74-5, 2-1.1.1) states that, at a minimum, smoke detectors "shall be installed in each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on each additional story of the family living unit, including basements and excluding crawl spaces and unfinished attics." ALL HIP assisted properties must be brought into compliance with NFPA 74.



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PROGRAM PROCEDURES

1. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility based on household income and property requirements. **(All property taxes and City service charges, such as sewer and water bills, must be paid.)**
2. The City will verify sources of income to confirm income eligibility criteria.
3. The Program Inspector will conduct an inspection of the property to identify eligible improvements, and prepare a work write-up and specifications, which will be used to secure estimates. The building must meet federal Section 8 Housing Quality Standards, at a minimum, upon completion of rehabilitation.
4. Three bids must be obtained from qualified contractors for the work in most cases. Bids are reviewed by the Program Inspector for completeness. Then the Program Inspector discusses the bids with the owners and the City. The owners and the City select the contractor, but the Home Improvement Program assistance is based on the lowest bid. If the owners select the contractor with the higher price, they must pay the difference.
5. Owners who are required to contribute resources must place their share of the project cost in a non-interest bearing housing escrow account with the City Treasurer before the Construction Contract is signed.
6. A pre-construction meeting will be held at which time the owners and contractor will enter into a contract. After the contract is signed and a building permit is issued by the City Building Inspector with a copy provided to the Community Development Office, a written "Notice to Proceed" will be given to the contractor by the Community Development Department, authorizing work to begin. **WORK CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL THE CONTRACT IS SIGNED, THE BUILDING PERMIT IS RECEIVED AND THE NOTICE TO PROCEED IS ISSUED.**
7. Periodic inspections of the property will be made by the Program Inspector while work is in progress. Upon completion, a final inspection of the improvements will be made by the Program Inspector to ensure conformity with the specifications.
8. Following the final inspection, the owners will authorize the City to make the final payment to the contractor. A one-year warranty for the work is signed at project completion.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS
FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

1. Last 2 years tax returns
2. Last 2 months of paystubs or award letter for SSI/SSD
3. Last 2 months of ALL checking and savings bank statements
4. Homeowner Insurance Policy
5. Copy of Deed



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DATE: _____ ADDRESS: _____

OWNERS NAME(S): _____ SINGLE FAMILY HOME: ☐ Yes ☐ No

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

| STARTING WITH THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD, LIST ALL ADULTS AND CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Name First Middle Initial Last | | | Relationship to Head of Household (Spouse, Son, Daughter, etc.) | Sex (M/F) | Date of Birth | Social Security Number (Required) | Race/Ethnicity (American Indian, Asian, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian, White, Hispanic/Latino, Not Hispanic/Latino) |
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If necessary, attach a separate sheet of paper to list additional household members

Total number of people in household _____



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Do you have legal title to your home? ____ Yes ____ No

Are all taxes (City, School, and County) and water bill on the property paid/current? ____ Yes ____ No

Do you own any other real estate (Income property, cottage, land)? ____ Yes ____ No

Are your total assets including savings, IRA's, stocks/bonds under \$15,000? ____ Yes ____ No
(not including the value of your home, car, personal possessions, furniture)

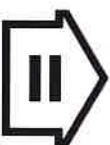
Do you have Homeowners Insurance? If yes, list Insurance Company & Phone Number ____ Yes ____ No

Homeowner Insurance Company: _____ Homeowner Policy Number: _____
(please provide a copy of Homeowner Policy)

Is your total annual gross income less than the corresponding number of persons in your household (see below chart)? ____ Yes ____ No

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All pages must be completed





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INCOME INFORMATION: List ALL household members (including children under 18). Income includes, but is not limited to, full or part time wages, self-employment, worker's compensation, disability insurances, unemployment benefits, social security, SSI, SSD, veterans benefits, pensions or annuities, child support, alimony, adoption subsidies, public assistance (welfare)

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***If necessary, attach a separate sheet of paper to list additional income or assets**





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ASSET INFORMATION:

Assets include balance in checking or savings accounts, 401K's, IRA's, Stocks, Bonds, CD's, retirement or pension funds, lump sum settlements, inheritances, capital gains, etc. Assets aren't counted as income, only interest they earn.

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CERTIFICATION:

WARNING: SECTION 1001 OF TITLE 18 OF THE U.S. CODES MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO MAKE WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS TO ANY MATTER WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

I hereby certify that all the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the income for ALL household members has been reported.

| Signature of Head of Household / Applicant | Date | Signature of Co-Applicant / Applicant | Date |
|--|------|---------------------------------------|------|
|--|------|---------------------------------------|------|

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Federal regulations for the AHC Home Improvement Program require compliance with conflict of interest provisions. If you are related by blood or marriage to an employee, agent, consultant, officer or elected or appointed official in the City of Lockport or Belmont Housing Resources for WNY, or have a business relationship with an employee, agent consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of either of these agencies, please describe the nature of the relationship. Belmont Housing Resources for WNY will determine if a conflict of interest exists. If no relationship exists, please state "None" in response to this question.





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HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK NEEDED:

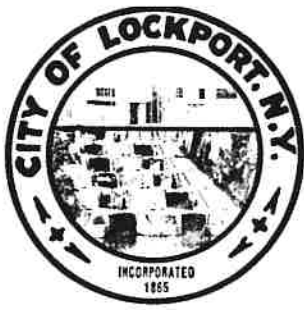
OWNER OCCUPANCY:

Federal regulations for the AHC Home Improvement Program require the applicant to an owner-occupied home improvement program to occupy the property to be improved as their principal residence. In order to comply with this requirement, if you occupy the property to be improved as your principal residence, please complete and sign the following certification:

I, _____, hereby certify that I am the legal owner of record of _____, the property to be improved in the City of Lockport
Owner-Occupied Home Improvement Program and I reside in it as my principal residence.

Head of Household / Applicant

Date



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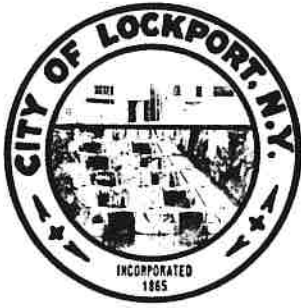
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Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards Lead Warning Statement:

Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not managed properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. I/We acknowledge we have received a federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.

Applicant

Co-Applicant



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City of Lockport – Home Rehabilitation Survey

The reason for this survey is to gather essential information to support an application for State funding or to undertake a CDBG funded activity in the area grant for a Rehabilitation Program. This information is necessary to present to the State that there is a low and moderate income population market to support a program of this nature.

Information collected is CONFIDENTIAL and is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

***Please return to the address listed above.**

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please feel free to contact Carrie Gugliuzza, Program Administrator at (716) 439-6686.

1. NAME: _____

2. ADDRESS: _____

3. TELEPHONE: _____

4. Do you have legal title to your home? Yes No

5. Do you have Homeowners Insurance? Yes No

6. Have you recently qualified/participated in a home improvement program? Yes No

If yes please list name of program and year of participation: _____

7. Please list home improvement work needed: _____

8. What is preventing you from completing home improvements?

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| a. Lack of funds | Yes | No |
| b. Unable to afford or qualify for a loan | Yes | No |
| c. Cannot find an affordable contractor | Yes | No |
| d. Both a. and b. | Yes | No |
| e. Other – explain: _____ | | |

9. Approximately how much do you pay each month on a car loan? \$ _____

10. Approximately how much do you pay each month on credit cards? \$ _____

11. What do you pay each month for mortgage? \$ _____

12. How much do you pay each month for utilities?
(gas, oil, electric, water) \$ _____

13. Number of people in your household? _____

14. \$ _____ Annual Income ÷ 12 = Monthly Income of \$ _____

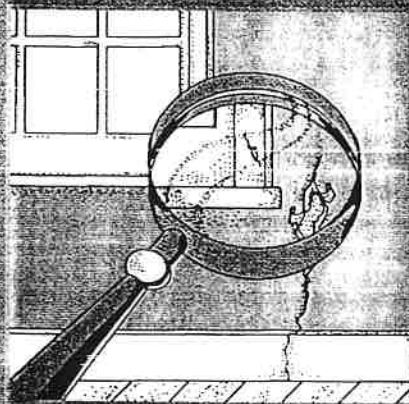
Total Annual Income: \$ _____

Monthly Income: \$ _____

Total Monthly Debt: \$ _____

Annual household income based on household size:

| <i># Of Persons in Family</i> | <i>Eligible Income Limit for Program</i> |
|-------------------------------|--|
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Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home



United States
Environmental
Protection Agency



United States
Consumer Product
Safety Commission



United States
Department of Housing
and Urban Development

U.S. EPA Washington DC 20460
U.S. CPSC Washington DC 20207
U.S. HUD Washington DC 20410

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Are You Planning To Buy, Rent, or Renovate a Home Built Before 1978?

Many houses and apartments built before 1978 have paint that contains high levels of lead (called lead-based paint). Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards if not taken care of properly.

Federal law requires that individuals receive certain information before renting, buying, or renovating pre-1978 housing:



LANDLORDS have to disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a disclosure form about lead-based paint.



SELLERS have to disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before selling a house. Sales contracts must include a disclosure form about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.



RENOVATORS have to give you this pamphlet before starting work.

IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION on these requirements, call the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD (424-5323)**.

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IMPORTANT!

Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil Can Be Dangerous If Not Managed Properly

- FACT:** Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- FACT:** Even children who seem healthy can have high levels of lead in their bodies.
- FACT:** People can get lead in their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- FACT:** People have many options for reducing lead hazards. In most cases, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard.
- FACT:** Removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.

If you think your home might have lead hazards, read this pamphlet to learn some simple steps to protect your family.

Lead Gets in the Body in Many Ways

Childhood lead poisoning remains a major environmental health problem in the U.S.

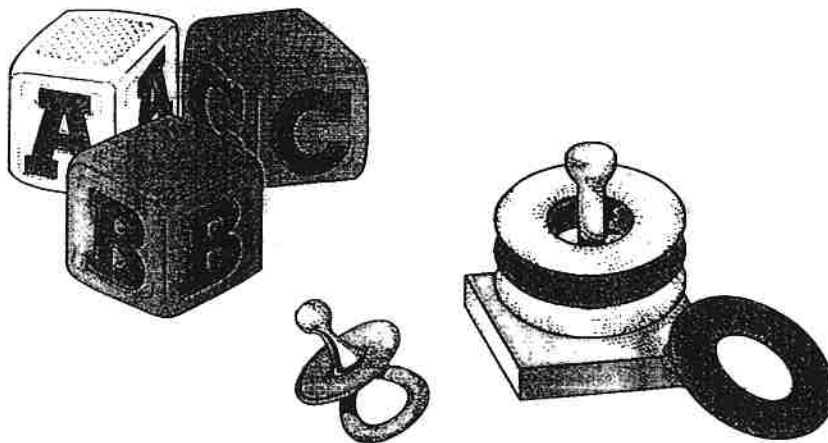
Even children who appear healthy can have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.

People can get lead in their body if they:

- ◆ Breathe in lead dust (especially during renovations that disturb painted surfaces).
- ◆ Put their hands or other objects covered with lead dust in their mouths.
- ◆ Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

Lead is even more dangerous to children than adults because:

- ◆ Children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- ◆ Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- ◆ Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.



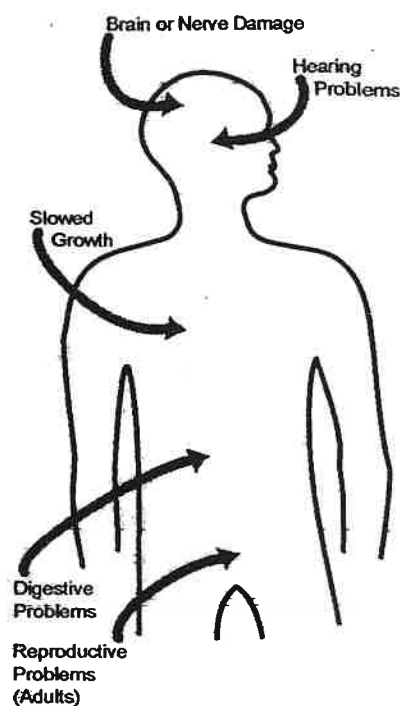
Lead's Effects

If not detected early, children with high levels of lead in their bodies can suffer from:

- ◆ Damage to the brain and nervous system
- ◆ Behavior and learning problems (such as hyperactivity)
- ◆ Slowed growth
- ◆ Hearing problems
- ◆ Headaches

Lead is also harmful to adults. Adults can suffer from:

- ◆ Difficulties during pregnancy
- ◆ Other reproductive problems (in both men and women)
- ◆ High blood pressure
- ◆ Digestive problems
- ◆ Nerve disorders
- ◆ Memory and concentration problems
- ◆ Muscle and joint pain



***Lead affects
the body in
many ways.***

Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

In general, the older your home, the more likely it has lead-based paint.

Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint. The federal government banned lead-based paint from housing in 1978. Some states stopped its use even earlier. Lead can be found:

- ◆ In homes in the city, country, or suburbs.
- ◆ In apartments, single-family homes, and both private and public housing.
- ◆ Inside *and* outside of the house.
- ◆ In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

Checking Your Family for Lead

Get your children and home tested if you think your home has high levels of lead.

To reduce your child's exposure to lead, get your child checked, have your home tested (especially if your home has paint in poor condition and was built before 1978), and fix any hazards you may have. Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect high levels of lead. Blood tests are usually recommended for:

- ◆ Children at ages 1 and 2.
- ◆ Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead.
- ◆ Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan.

Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.

Identifying Lead Hazards

Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition, and it is not on an impact or friction surface, like a window. It is defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter, or more than 0.5% by weight.

Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking or damaged) is a hazard and needs immediate attention. It may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear-and-tear, such as:

- ◆ Windows and window sills.
- ◆ Doors and door frames.
- ◆ Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches.

Lead dust can form when lead-based paint is dry scraped, dry sanded, or heated. Dust also forms when painted surfaces bump or rub together. Lead chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can re-enter the air when people vacuum, sweep, or walk through it. The following two federal standards have been set for lead hazards in dust:

- ◆ 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors.
- ◆ 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ and higher for interior window sills.

Lead in soil can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. The following two federal standards have been set for lead hazards in residential soil:

- ◆ 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil.
- ◆ 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard.

The only way to find out if paint, dust and soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes the most common methods used.

Lead from paint chips, which you can see, and lead dust, which you can't always see, can both be serious hazards.

Checking Your Home for Lead

Just knowing that a home has lead-based paint may not tell you if there is a hazard.



You can get your home checked for lead in one of two ways, or both:

- ◆ A paint **inspection** tells you the lead content of every different type of painted surface in your home. It won't tell you whether the paint is a hazard or how you should deal with it.
- ◆ A **risk assessment** tells you if there are any sources of serious lead exposure (such as peeling paint and lead dust). It also tells you what actions to take to address these hazards.

Hire a trained, certified professional who will use a range of reliable methods when checking your home, such as:

- ◆ Visual inspection of paint condition and location.
- ◆ A portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine.
- ◆ Lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples.

There are standards in place to ensure the work is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your local lead poisoning prevention program for more information, or call **1-800-424-LEAD** for a list of contacts in your area.

Home test kits for lead are available, but may not always be accurate. Consumers should not rely on these tests before doing renovations or to assure safety.

What You Can Do Now To Protect Your Family

If you suspect that your house has lead hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:

- ◆ If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.
- ◆ Clean up paint chips immediately.
- ◆ Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner or a cleaner made specifically for lead. REMEMBER: NEVER MIX AMMONIA AND BLEACH PRODUCTS TOGETHER SINCE THEY CAN FORM A DANGEROUS GAS.
- ◆ Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads after cleaning dirty or dusty areas.
- ◆ Wash children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- ◆ Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- ◆ Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces.
- ◆ Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- ◆ Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products. Children with good diets absorb less lead.



Reducing Lead Hazards In The Home

Removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.

Always use a professional who is trained to remove lead hazards safely.



In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition:

- ◆ You can **temporarily** reduce lead hazards by taking actions such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover soil with high lead levels. These actions (called "interim controls") are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- ◆ To **permanently** remove lead hazards, you should hire a certified lead "abatement" contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent removal.

Always hire a person with special training for correcting lead problems—someone who knows how to do this work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly. Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

Once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be repeated until testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following:

- ◆ 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) for floors, including carpeted floors;
- ◆ 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for interior windows sills; and
- ◆ 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window troughs.

Call your local agency (see page 11) for help with locating certified contractors in your area and to see if financial assistance is available.

Remodeling or Renovating a Home With Lead-Based Paint

Take precautions before your contractor or you begin remodeling or renovating anything that disturbs painted surfaces (such as scraping off paint or tearing out walls):

- ◆ **Have the area tested for lead-based paint.**
- ◆ **Do not use a belt-sander, propane torch, heat gun, dry scraper, or dry sandpaper to remove lead-based paint.** These actions create large amounts of lead dust and fumes. Lead dust can remain in your home long after the work is done.
- ◆ **Temporarily move your family** (especially children and pregnant women) out of the apartment or house until the work is done and the area is properly cleaned. If you can't move your family, at least completely seal off the work area.
- ◆ **Follow other safety measures to reduce lead hazards.** You can find out about other safety measures by calling 1-800-424-LEAD. Ask for the brochure "Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home." This brochure explains what to do before, during, and after renovations.

If you have already completed renovations or remodeling that could have released lead-based paint or dust, get your young children tested and follow the steps outlined on page 7 of this brochure.



If not conducted properly, certain types of renovations can release lead from paint and dust into the air.



Other Sources of Lead



While paint, dust, and soil are the most common lead hazards, other lead sources also exist.



◆ **Drinking water.** Your home might have plumbing with lead or lead solder. Call your local health department or water supplier to find out about testing your water. You cannot see, smell, or taste lead, and boiling your water will not get rid of lead. If you think your plumbing might have lead in it:

- Use only cold water for drinking and cooking.
- Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

◆ **The job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your hands or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.

◆ **Old painted toys and furniture.**

◆ **Food and liquids stored in lead crystal or lead-glazed pottery or porcelain.**

◆ **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.

◆ **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture.

◆ **Folk remedies** that contain lead, such as "greta" and "azarcon" used to treat an upset stomach.

For More Information

The National Lead Information Center

Call **1-800-424-LEAD (424-5323)** to learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and for other information on lead hazards. To access lead information via the web, visit **www.epa.gov/lead** and **www.hud.gov/offices/lead/**.

For the hearing impaired, call the Federal Information Relay Service at **1-800-877-8339** and ask for the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

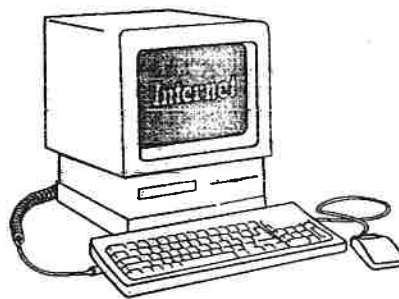


EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline

Call **1-800-426-4791** for information about lead in drinking water.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline

To request information on lead in consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury call **1-800-638-2772**, or visit CPSC's website at: **www.cpsc.gov**.



Health and Environmental Agencies

Some cities, states, and tribes have their own rules for lead-based paint activities. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your local contacts on the Internet at **www.epa.gov/lead** or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

EPA Regional Offices

Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

EPA Regional Offices

Region 1 (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 1
Suite 1100 (CPT)
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023
(888) 372-7341

Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 2
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
Building 209, Mail Stop 225
Edison, NJ 08837-3679
(732) 321-6671

Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 3 (3WC33)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 814-5000

Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8998

Region 5 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 5 (DT-8J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3666
(312) 886-6003

Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
(214) 665-7577

Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 7
(ARTD-RALI)
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 551-7020

Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 8
999 18th Street, Suite 500
Denver, CO 80202-2466
(303) 312-6021

Region 9 (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 947-4164

Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 10
Toxics Section WCM-128
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101-1128
(206) 553-1985

CPSC Regional Offices

Your Regional CPSC Office can provide further information regarding regulations and consumer product safety.

Eastern Regional Center
Consumer Product Safety Commission
201 Varick Street, Room 903
New York, NY 10014
(212) 620-4120

Western Regional Center
Consumer Product Safety Commission
1301 Clay Street, Suite 610-N
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 637-4050

Central Regional Center
Consumer Product Safety Commission
230 South Dearborn Street, Room 2944
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-8260

HUD Lead Office

Please contact HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for information on lead regulations, outreach efforts, and lead hazard control and research grant programs.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
451 Seventh Street, SW, P-3206
Washington, DC 20410
(202) 755-1785

Simple Steps To Protect Your Family From Lead Hazards

If you think your home has high levels of lead:

- ◆ Get your young children tested for lead, even if they seem healthy.
- ◆ Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- ◆ Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods.
- ◆ Get your home checked for lead hazards.
- ◆ Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- ◆ Wipe soil off shoes before entering house.
- ◆ Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- ◆ Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling or renovating (call 1-800-424-LEAD for guidelines).
- ◆ Don't use a belt-sander, propane torch, heat gun, dry scraper, or dry sandpaper on painted surfaces that may contain lead.
- ◆ Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.



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