

LANDLORDS:

What You Need to Know about Lead in Your Building

If your multi-unit has lead paint, then common activities such as sanding and scraping an old windowsill, or removing paint with a heat gun, can produce dangerous lead dust, chips and fumes.

Unless testing has shown that a building does not contain lead paint, assume that all homes built before 1978 contain lead paint and require lead-safe work practices.

Tips for Lead-Safe Renovation

- **Protect your family, your tenants and your neighbors.**
 - Keep others, especially children and pregnant women, out of the work area.
- **Prepare the area.**
 - Make sure to keep all dust inside the work space.
 - Create barriers between the work area and the living space.
- **Protect yourself and your workers from dust and debris.**
 - Wear protective gear.
 - Have employees wash their hands, face and hair and change clothes before returning home.
 - Do not eat, drink or smoke in the work area.

Lead is toxic to adults and especially to children. Improper removal of lead paint can poison the person removing it, and their family.



- **Work wet.**
 - To create as little dust as possible, use wet methods.
- **Work clean.**
 - Clean-up dust and debris in lead-safe ways.

Sixty-four percent, or 44,895, of homes in Cumberland County were constructed prior to 1978 and may contain lead paint. Isn't it time you considered reducing your tenant risk and your own liability around this issue?

There are many resources in Cumberland County to assist you in working lead-safe and eliminating lead hazards from your multi-unit homes. For more information, please see the reverse of this page.



Local and State-Wide Lead-Safe Resources

COUNTY RESOURCES

City of Portland/Cumberland County Lead Hazard Control Program

Provides forgivable loans for single family and multi unit property owners in Cumberland County. *HUD income limits apply.*

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Housing & Neighborhood Services
389 Congress St., Portland, Maine 04101
rej@portlandmaine.gov
(207) 756-8089 or (207) 874-8949
www.portlandmaine.gov/planning/housingleadsafe.asp

The Lead-Safe Housing Program

This program addresses lead poisoning and the threat of lead poisoning in young children. Funding comes from a special 3-year grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Program goals are:

- Community Education
- Testing and Case Management
- Direct Lead Hazard Control

www.portlandmaine.gov/hhs/phleadsafety.asp

People's Regional Opportunity Program (PROP)

In concert with the City of Portland and Cumberland County, PROP administers a grant program to remove lead paint hazards from pre-1978 income eligible single-family homes with children under the age of 6 present, as well as multi-family homes if the tenants are income eligible. Grants are provided to remove the lead hazards as identified by a certified lead inspector.

Ellen Fogg, PROP Loan Officer
510 Cumberland Avenue, Portland, Maine 04101
(207) 553-5905
www.propeople.org

Maternal and Child Health Program

Provide low or no-cost lead testing for children residing within the City of Portland.

Lisa Belanger, RN, Program Manager
Maternal and Child Health
Public Health Division, Health & Human Services
389 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04101
(207) 874-8476

STATE-WIDE RESOURCES

MaineHousing Lead Hazard Program

Offers funding and deferred loan programs to eligible homeowners through local CAP agencies.

353 Water Street
Augusta, Maine 04330
(800) 452-4668 or (207) 626-4600
www.mainehousing.org

Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

For further information regarding lead poisoning outside of Cumberland County, please contact the Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:

Questions regarding health effects and testing for lead exposure:

Susan Lee, RN, Health Coordinator
(207) 287-8671
susan.j.lee@maine.gov

Questions about lead in your home or the environment:

Tina Bernier, Environmental Coordinator
(207) 287-5668
tina.bernier@maine.gov

If you reside outside the City of Portland, please contact your physician directly regarding lead testing.

If you are a MaineCare recipient, please note that children up to 2 years of age can be screened for lead poisoning FREE OF CHARGE.

Information for Landlords

www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/landlords.htm

Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Information about lead testing, a list of licensed lead inspectors, and general information
(800) 452-1942 or www.state.me.us/rwm/lead

DEP Lead Inspectors

www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/lead/pdf/leadinspectors.pdf