

How do I Qualify for the Lead Hazard Control Program?

The Lead Hazard Control Program is available to both low to moderate income homeowners and rental property owners who rent to low-income families.

Applicants for lead hazard control work are reviewed on a first-come first-serve basis and a priority is given to applicants who meet any of the following criteria:

- ◇ Have a child under age six with an elevated blood lead level; or
- ◇ Have had their unit previously tested and found to contain lead based paint; or
- ◇ Owner-occupied households with a child under the age of six

Property Eligibility:

- ◇ Housing units located in the target focus area.
- ◇ Property must not be named in any legal actions.
- ◇ Property taxes must be current, made current or on a payment schedule.
- ◇ Property must not have any open City of Newark, Division of Property Maintenance violations.

Lead Hazard Control Program

The Lead Hazard Control Program is a cooperative effort by the City of Newark, Department of Development, Licking County Healthy Department, Leads Community Action Agency, and the City of Newark, Division of Property Maintenance. The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



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Lead in My Home?

Where is the Lead?

- ◇ Lead pigments were used in paint until the Consumer Products Safety Commission banded its use in residential paint in 1978.
- ◇ Lead Paint was very durable and was used all around the home. Some of the most common areas to find lead paint in the home are on windows, window sills, trim work, doors, stairs, railings, banisters, porches, and siding.
- ◇ Lead was used in plumbing fixtures, pipes, or pipe soldering and can get into drinking water as it flows through the pipes.
- ◇ Lead paint becomes dangerous when it deteriorates. Chipping, peeling, and flaking paint, along with dust from lead paint can contaminate your home and cause serious health problems to your family. According to the 2023 American Community Survey information Newark neighborhoods contain 6,265 houses built before 1940. HUD estimates that 87% of the homes built prior to 1940 contain lead-based paint.

Lead is POISON!

YOUR CHILD MAY EAT OR

BREATHE IN LEAD! Lead dust on fingers, toys or in the air can get into your child's mouth.

A woman with lead in her body may give it to her unborn baby.

Lead is poisonous because it interferes with some of the body's basic functions. The human body cannot tell the difference between lead and calcium.

Even children who appear to be healthy can have dangerous levels of lead in their blood. Children age six and under are most at risk for lead poisoning. Lead can hurt your child's mind and body. It can cause:

- ◇ **Behavior and learning problems**
- ◇ **Slowed growth**
- ◇ **Hearing problems**
- ◇ **Brain damage**
- ◇ **Death**

How Do I Test My Child for Lead Poisoning?

If you suspect that your child has an elevated blood lead level, you should contact your pediatrician immediately to have your child tested.

The test for lead poisoning simply requires a small blood sample. The sample is sent to a laboratory to determine the concentration of lead in your child's blood. Your doctor will advise you if your child's blood lead level is elevated.

Does My Home Have Lead Hazards?

Through the City of Newark's Lead Hazard Control Program, low-income families (owner-occupied and renter-occupied) living in homes built before 1978 may apply to have their homes tested for lead hazards.

An evaluation of the property, called a Lead Inspection Risk Assessment will determine where the lead hazards (if any) are located and the best plan of action to deal with the hazards.

Controlling Lead Hazards In My Home

The Lead Hazard Control Program will review the results of the lead inspection risk assessment and develop a work plan to control the identified lead hazards.

The program may pay for work to control lead hazards in your home. For example, if the lead inspection risk assessment determines that lead hazards exist on your windows, the program could pay for a certified lead contractor to remove the window causing the lead hazard and install new windows.

Only State of Ohio licensed lead contractors can complete lead hazard control work. Following the completion of the work, a clearance test will be performed on your house to ensure that it is lead safe.