

Young Children Are Most At Risk of Lead Hazards

Childhood lead poisoning is one of the top causes of environmental harm to young children and is 100% preventable. Lead based paint was banned for residential use in 1978. If your home was built before 1978, it may contain lead-based paint and other lead hazards that require immediate attention. Lead-based paint that is deteriorating, damaged



or disturbed during renovations or upgrades can spread poisonous lead dust. This dust can find its way to interior and exterior surfaces of all types.

Elevated levels of lead in the blood can cause serious problems in children including:

- *Learning disabilities*
- *Attention deficit disorder*
- *Decreased growth*
- *Anemia*
- *Hearing damage, speech, language, and behavior problems*
- *Kidney damage*
- *Poor muscle growth & coordination*
- *Other physical & psychological problems*

A pregnant woman exposed to lead can pass it on to her unborn child. This increases the risks of miscarriage, premature birth and low birth weight, as well as the potential for severe developmental problems.

Program Mission

HUD launched the Healthy Homes Initiative component to help protect children and families from housing-related health and safety hazards. The purpose of the Healthy Homes Program is to identify current and potential causes of childhood illness and injury caused by the home itself. The funding from HUD addresses housing related hazards, including: lead, mold, allergens, asthma, carbon monoxide, home safety, pesticides and possibly more.

Healthy Homes assessments will be provided for each property applying for lead safe renovations and shared by Waterbury Lead & Healthy Homes in collaboration with Eversource, New Opportunities, Inc., and Connecticut Children Medical Center.

For application, screening and additional eligibility information, please contact:

Waterbury Lead & Healthy Homes

City of Waterbury
Department of Public Health

One Jefferson Square
Waterbury, CT 06706
(P) 203-574-6786
(F) 203-573-6677

GET THE LEAD OUT

Protect your family and tenants from lead hazards.



Waterbury Lead & Healthy Homes
City of Waterbury
Department of Public Health

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Protecting children and families from the dangers of lead-based paints is our priority.

The Waterbury Lead and Healthy Homes Program is offering funding assistance* to abate lead-based paint hazard and eliminate other housing related hazards.

Eligible Homes are:

- Located in Waterbury
- Built before 1978 and current on property tax, mortgage and insurance
- Occupied by or suitable for a child under age 6
- Within HUD regional income requirements for tenants and owner-occupants

*Funding for the program comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); \$2,906,610 from Lead Hazard Control and \$325,000 from Healthy Homes.

PROGRAM BENEFITS & REQUIREMENTS

Property Owners:

- Financial assistance for lead-safe repairs & Healthy Homes Remediation
- Lead-risk inspection & testing, design of lead-hazard control plan, clearance testing, and ongoing maintenance plan
- Access to pre-qualified contractors
- Technical assistance and project monitoring pre & post abatement
- Access to educational programs, literature & group presentations

Contractors:

- Training, certification and economic opportunities in lead-safe work practices & lead-hazard control

Requirements

- Owner shall assume costs not covered by grant funding
- Owner agrees to assume responsibility for the disposal of waste of up to ten cubic yards permissible under CT State Law
- For a period of three years:
 - Owner agrees to rent stabilization & residential income limits pursuant to HUD guidelines
 - Owner agrees NOT to transfer any part of the property
 - Owner agrees to maintain the property in compliance with the lead management plan including annual inspections

LEAD POISONING IS 100% PREVENTABLE

Reduce Your Risk:

- Test your child for the presence of lead. As of January 1, 2009, children ages 9 months to 3 years should be tested once a year for lead poisoning
- Have your pre-1978 home or rental property tested for the presence of lead paint hazards
- Learn and always apply lead-safe work practices when repairing, renovating and cleaning your property
- Lead hazard reduction should only be performed by a properly licensed contractor

