

LEAD ABATEMENT

Your family's safety may depend on the painter you choose.

We are certified by the Department of Public Health to perform and supervise lead containment and abatement.

April 22, 2008, www.epa.gov/lead, EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, beginning in April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Since lead-based paint was commonly used until the 1950s and was not banned from residential use until 1978, it is almost always present in older buildings, underneath other layers of paint. Lead-based paints are generally found on wooden trim and all surfaces that normally received gloss enamel or oil paints.

If you are concerned about lead in your home you should have your home tested by a certified lead assessor and lead clearance tester.

Interim Controls of Lead Based Paint

Interim controls are intended to make dwellings lead-safe by temporarily controlling lead-based paint hazards, as opposed to abatement, which is intended to permanently control lead hazards. For interim controls to be effective, the plan should include maintenance and monitoring of interim controls to ensure that they remain in place. This includes reduction of friction areas to reduce the likelihood of disturbing lead based paint. If interim controls are properly maintained, they can be effective indefinitely. As long as surfaces are covered with lead-based paint, however, they constitute potential hazards. Periodic re-evaluations by a certified risk assessor is recommended.

Paint film stabilization

Interim controls involve stabilizing deteriorated lead-based paint surfaces/areas by removing only peeling, chipped or deteriorating paint areas and repainting to encapsulate.

Lead Abatement

Abatement involves the removal of lead-based paint down to the operable substrate or complete paint removal and is more invasive.

We can provide you with an in-depth and complete scope of work for any work to be done involving lead based paint. Below are just a few of the steps we take for these projects.

- Plastic sheeting is used to capture falling paint chips and contain and seal off the area of the home to be painted.
- Wet sanding to eliminate dust from becoming airborne
- Low heat stripping of paint
- HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) Vacuums are used consistently throughout the job to remove paint chips and debris, for cleaning the surface and in the final cleanup of entire work area.
- The primer and topcoat used are long lasting and moisture resistant with low volatile organic compound content (VOC).
- The primer/topcoat system will be from the same manufacturer to ensure compatibility. All paints will be applied at appropriate thickness and according to manufacturer's directions.