

SAFE CLEANING OF LEAD PAINT CHIPS AND DUST

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Prepare. Gather rubber gloves, throw-away wipes or towels, garbage bags, spray bottle with soap and water, and mop

Put on rubber gloves.

If you do not have rubber (or disposable) gloves, you will need to wash your hands well after cleaning

Use supplies you can throw away. Use soapy cleaners or products made to remove lead dust

Don't use a vacuum unless it is a HEPA vacuum. A regular vacuum will spread lead dust into the air. Some health departments have HEPA vacuums available to borrow.



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Remove paint chips. Window areas and porches often have peeling paint and lead dust. Pick up the paint chips you can see and throw them away in a plastic bag.



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Always spray window sills with soap and water and wet-mop floors. Do not use a broom to sweep lead dust. Throw away wipes after cleaning each area.



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Mop with a disposable mop head or paper towel to wipe away suds



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Change towels often until no paint chips, dust or dirt can be seen. Put garbage in a plastic bag, and seal with tape or a knot. The sealed bag can be disposed of with normal trash for pickup.

Repeat these steps weekly, or when dirt and dust appear on floors, porches, window wells, window sills, stairs or children's play areas.



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