

Why Should You Participate?

Dust from lead-based paint is the most common cause of childhood lead poisoning.

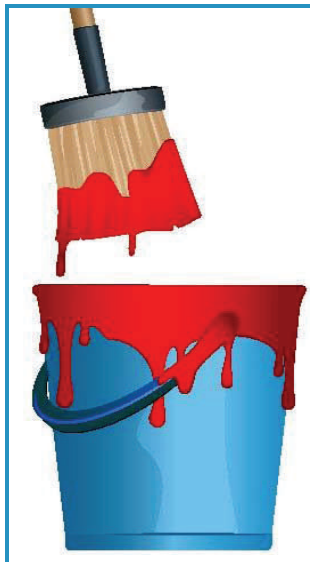
The Federal Government banned lead paint for residential use in 1978. Older buildings may still have lead-based paint on walls, windows, doors, and other surfaces. Lead in soil may also be present.

According to CDC, about one child in 23 has higher lead levels than they should.

Even low-level lead exposure can potentially cause learning, behavior and other health problems in children, but can be prevented with precautionary and/or preventive measures. For more information visit www.hud.gov/lead

Help your Landlord address this potential risk through partnership with the Knoxville Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program!

Lead paint in good condition is not a hazard! It can be on any painted surface, but lead-based paint is most often found on windows, trim, doors, railings, columns, porches and outside walls. Surfaces that have been repainted may have layers of lead paint underneath. A lead inspection can tell you where lead paint is located.



If the home you live in was built before 1978:

- Wipe down flat surfaces, like window sills, with a damp paper towel and throw away the paper towel.
- Mop smooth floors (using a damp mop) weekly to control dust.
- Take off shoes when entering the house.
- Vacuum carpets and upholstery to remove dust.
- If possible, use a vacuum with a HEPA filter or a "higher efficiency" collection bag.
- Pick up loose paint chips carefully with a paper towel and discard in the trash, then wipe the surface clean with a wet paper towel.
- Take precautions to avoid creating lead dust when nailing hangers in the wall or doing anything that impacts painted surfaces.
- Report areas of peeling-chipping paint to your landlord so your property can be maintained lead-safe!



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City of Knoxville Lead Safe and Healthy Homes

...has a program to help Knoxville area Tenants live in homes that are healthy and safe for their families!

Your Landlord is interested in enrolling this property!

If the property qualifies...

The Community Development Department can offer FREE lead-based paint inspections/assessments and support to help Landlords make pre-1978 homes safe and healthy for low-income families!

With Your Help—The Home May Receive:

- An EPA certified lead-based paint risk assessor will go to the home and conduct a thorough assessment to identify areas containing lead-based paint and develop a plan to clean up potential hazards.
- If lead-based hazards are found, clean-up of the potential paint hazards will be cleaned up by EPA certified lead-based paint professionals .



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Knoxville Lead Safe

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Program Enrollment

What Happens With Property Enrollment?

- Only units built pre-1978 are eligible for program funds.
- The Landlord will complete an application for each address enrolled. Written tenant permission must be included.
- Tenant income information is required for the property to qualify. HUD Section 8 information on file may be used with your permission. The City will contact you directly to discuss what is needed. Personal information provided to the City employees will be held confidential.
- A City of Knoxville certified lead-based paint Assessor will visit the home to inspect and identify potential hazards.
- The assessor must have access to the home for approximately 3 hours during the scheduled appointment. Either the tenant, landlord or a representative must be present during the visit.



- The property may be eligible for clean-up of identified hazards that contain lead-based paint and also lead contaminated soil.

Benefits of The Program

- Each enrolled unit may receive up to **\$10,000** in Lead-Hazard Control project costs to control peeling, chipping paint and other lead hazards.
- The average project cost is approximately **\$2,500**.
- Completed projects will receive an official EPA clearance exam report by a certified Lead-based Paint professional to provide evidence that the property was made lead-safe.
- Property Owners and property maintenance professionals are eligible for FREE training in the EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) 8 hour course as scheduled by the City so the property can continue to be maintained in a lead-safe condition.



Responsibility of the Tenant

- To agree to the property inspection by signature on the application.
- To provide income information directly to the City for the property to qualify.
- To provide unit access to the City Risk Assessor on the scheduled appointment date.



If a funded project is the result of the assessment Tenant responsibility is:

- To provide power and water for the project duration (possibly through negotiation with the landlord)
- To remove valuables from the work areas or home, and remove wall ornaments, window treatments and furniture away from walls as directed.
- To either not enter the areas where contractors are working or relocate while the project work is being done for occupant protection. Relocation assistance will be provided by the City of Knoxville.
- To allow at least one entry for project re-evaluation during the 36-month time period following project completion.