



Learning The Facts:

Lead from paint, dust and soil is dangerous if not managed properly.

FACT: Lead exposure can harm young children and babies, especially as they learn to crawl and play. Lead poisoning causes permanent brain damage, learning disabilities and more.

FACT: Even children that seem healthy can have high levels of lead in their bodies.

FACT: Children most often get lead in their bodies by swallowing lead dust as a part of their normal, regular behavior. It gets on their hands and toys, then into their mouths.

FACT: Removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.

FACT: The City of Grand Rapids' Lead Hazard Control Program provides assistance eliminating lead hazards.

For additional information, please contact us: 456-3030 or communitydev@grcity.us.

Start by calling 456-3030 today to request an application. Or pick one up in person:

- : City Hall, 300 Monroe NW, 4th floor
- : Rental Property Owners Association
1459 Michigan NE
- : Healthy Homes Coalition, 742 Franklin SE

Making your home lead-safe:

- Protects children from lead poisoning.
- Protects your investment.
- Enhances the value of your home.
- Gives peace of mind.

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Homeowners.

Protect...
your children.
your investment.
your home.

A City of Grand Rapids home repair program to make your home lead-safe.

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Get the Lead Out!

What makes a lead-safe home?

Many houses and apartments built before 1978 have paint that is lead-based. Lead from paint chips and dust can pose serious health hazards if not taken care of properly.



Children are most often poisoned by lead dust and lead paint in older homes. Lead dust can come from disturbing areas with lead paint, opening and closing windows and through normal wear and tear of painted areas. Lead dust falls to the floor and gets on children's hands and toys. It enters their bodies when they put their hands or toys into their mouths.

Lead poisoning can cause health and behavior problems in children. It can make them less able to learn when they are at school. Lead poisoning can affect a child for a lifetime. The good news is there are things that can be done to keep children safe from lead.

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What homes are eligible for this program?

- ... Homes in the City of Grand Rapids.
- ... Owner-occupied or rental units (one to four unit buildings only).
- ... The occupants' household income cannot exceed 80% of the area medium income (for example, \$50,500 for a family of four as of 3/19/09).
- ... A child under the age of six years must live in the house or apartment. Exceptions may be made for vacant rental units and for units where childcare is provided.
- ... There must be a lead hazard. As a first step, the program provides FREE lead dust hazard screening to see if there is lead dust in the home.
- ... Must have a clear title to the home, fire and hazard insurance, and property taxes must be paid up to date.

What you can expect.

Homeowners

- ... If there is a lead-poisoned child in the home, all repairs are made for free.
- ... Homes without lead poisoned children are eligible for 0% interest "matching" loans, up to \$12,000. Up to 70% of the total loan may be forgiven (exact amount forgiven depends on household income).
- ... Payments are spread out over ten years.
- ... Additional funds may also be available to address health and safety issues and energy efficiency.

Landlords

- ... Receive a grant of up to \$8,000 per unit.
- ... For three years afterwards the units must be rented to pre-qualified, low-income tenants, and affirmatively marketed to families with young children.
- ... For three years afterwards rents must be kept at or below 110% of Fair Market rent, adjusted for unit size and tenant-paid utilities.