

SAFE CLEANING OF LEAD PAINT CHIPS AND DUST

STEP ONE: Prepare Supplies

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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.



STEP TWO: Remove Paint Chips

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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.



STEP THREE: Wet & Wipe Surfaces

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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.



STEP FOUR: Mop

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



STEP FIVE: Clean Often

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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.



For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/lead or call the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 517-335-8885.

