



Learn The Facts:

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

FACT: In 2015, there were more than four times as many children lead poisoned in Grand Rapids than by the Flint water crisis.

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.

For help controlling lead in your home, contact (616) 456-3030 or LHCP@grcity.us.

Start by calling (616) 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
1545 Buchanan Ave SW (upstairs)

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?

- ... Owner-occupied or rental units.
- ... The occupants' household income cannot exceed 80% of the area medium income (for example, \$55,900 for a family of four - 6/1/18).
- ... 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.
- ... Must have a clear title to the home, fire and hazard insurance, and property taxes and mortgage must be paid up to date.

What you can expect.

Homeowners

- ... Deferred loans up to \$20,000.
- ... Entire loan may be forgiven if you remain in your home for 5 years.
- ... Healthy homes interventions will be completed at no cost to the owner.
- ... Other funds may be available to address housing code, health, and safety issues.
- ... For your safety, you must relocate for up to ten days.

Landlords

- ... Grants up to \$20,000 per property (up to 4 units).
- ... Co-pay required - at least 10% of contracted lead hazard remediation project cost.
- ... Healthy homes interventions will be completed at no cost to the owner.
- ... Units must be marketed to households with young children.
- ... For their safety, tenants will be relocated for up to ten days.
- ... Certified renovator training required.