

## Lead Hazard Remediation Program (LHRP)

The City of Los Angeles provides **FREE** Lead Grants for lead hazard remediation that can be obtained alone or in conjunction with other LAHD Housing Programs. A residential property & family must first be approved before grant or loan funding will be considered.

- ◆ **Lead Grant** monies will be used for the removal of lead-based paint hazards.



- ◆ **Rehabilitation Loan** monies may be available to make additional property improvements. Call (213) 808-8802 for details.

Actual grant amounts will be limited to the remediation costs up to program limits.

### ELIGIBILITY

- ◆ **Single and Multi-family Properties** in the City of Los Angeles constructed prior to 1978, and
- ◆ **Positive levels** of lead-based paint, in poor condition, and
- ◆ **One or more bedroom units, and**
- ◆ **Low Income Families\*** with children under six (6) years of age that reside or visit the property

\* Non-owner occupied properties may use the income of the respective tenants to qualify.



## Where can I find more information about Lead Hazards?

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: (800) LA4-LEAD

National Lead Information Center: (800) 424-LEAD

EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791

County of Los Angeles: [www.lapublichealth.org/lead](http://www.lapublichealth.org/lead)

CA Dept of Health Services: [www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/childlead)

HUD: [www.hud.gov/offices/lead](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead)

EPA: [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

Consumer Action Guide to Toxic Chemicals in Toys: [www.healthytoys.org](http://www.healthytoys.org)

Consumer Product Safety Commission: [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)



Before



After

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Lead is a housing issue with health consequences!!!

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PROTECTING  
CHILDREN  
FROM LEAD  
POISONING



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## LEAD IS TOXIC

- ◆ Lead is a metal typically found in paint manufactured prior to 1978.
- ◆ Exposure to lead can occur from ingesting lead contaminated dust.
- ◆ The effects are irreversible.

## WHO IS MOST AFFECTED AND WHY?

- ◆ Children under the age of 6 years are most affected because their nervous and immune systems are still developing.
- ◆ Children are most at risk because they tend to put everything in their mouth.

## WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF LEAD POISONING IN CHILDREN?

- ◆ Damage to the brain & nervous system as well as other organs
- ◆ Learning and behavior problems (hyperactivity)
- ◆ Slowed growth
- ◆ Hearing problems
- ◆ Headaches
- ◆ Lower IQ
- ◆ In extreme cases, even death



## WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF LEAD POISONING IN ADULTS?

- ◆ Difficulties during pregnancy
- ◆ Reproductive problems (both in men & women)
- ◆ High blood pressure
- ◆ Digestive problems
- ◆ Concentration & memory problems
- ◆ Muscle & joint pain

## HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT IF YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO LEAD?

- ◆ Have your child's blood tested for lead.
- ◆ Have your home inspected for lead.
- ◆ Have your landlord test the property for lead.

## COMMON SOURCES OF LEAD:

- ◆ Drinking Water (home might have plumbing with lead or lead solder)
- ◆ Job related (mechanics handling batteries and radiators, contractors, construction workers, artists, painters, etc.)
- ◆ Toys and furniture painted with lead-based paint
- ◆ Lead Crystal, lead-glazed pottery or porcelain
- ◆ Hobbies that use lead (pottery, stained glass)
- ◆ Imported candies



## LEAD POISONING IS PREVENTABLE!

Nearly half a million children living in the United States have blood lead levels high enough to cause irreversible damage to their brain.

Our program aims to reduce the dangers posed by lead-based paint in our communities and protect our young children from exposure in their homes.

## HOW CAN YOU PREVENT YOUR FAMILY FROM BECOMING LEAD POISONED?

- ◆ Make sure your children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron and calcium (dark green vegetables & dairy products). Children with good diets absorb less lead.
- ◆ Clean around commonly contaminated areas, such as doorways, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly using a damp cloth.
- ◆ Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads after cleaning dirty or dusty areas preferably at a location where dishes and children's clothing can not be contaminated.
- ◆ Wash children's hands with soap, especially before they eat and before nap time. Children's hands may be contaminated with dust that contains lead.
- ◆ Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, which may have been painted with lead-based paint.
- ◆ Make sure you use work safe practices if any amount of paint is going to be disturbed.
- ◆ Clean up paint chips immediately before any child could be exposed to lead-based paint.
- ◆ Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- ◆ Use only cold water for drinking and cooking. Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

