

Monthly update

A service of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority for landlords and program participants in Cuyahoga County.
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"Lead Safe Living" A Benefit for HCVP Participants and Property Owners

THE CUYAHOGA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (CMHA) HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCVP) IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND OTHER LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN PROMOTING "LEAD SAFE LIVING."

The dangerous outcomes and risks of lead poisoning have been publicized for a number of years. It threatens the health of young children, as well as adults who work with lead in their jobs or hobbies. But today, in Northeast Ohio, resources are in place to help residents and property owners protect themselves through education, testing, home maintenance and certification.


The "Lead Safe Living" collaborative can help eligible families borrow HEPA vacuums to better remove lead dust; arrange for lead testing for children 6 years of age and younger; check for the presence of lead in a home and assist with making home improvements to eliminate the risk of lead paint.

Property owners in the City of Cleveland can also obtain lead maintenance certificates. This annual certification of a rental property may provide legal protection in defending a lawsuit. It will also let the public know a property meets local, state and federal lead safety guidelines, while reducing the chance that a child may be poisoned from lead hazard exposure. This preventive program also can save owners money when they make repairs in advance of a lead emergency instead of after the fact.

The HCVP HQS inspection considers the condition of paint in a unit. If the unit is or may become home to a small child, and it fails in this category—particularly because of chipped or peeling paint around windows or in the basement, the HCVP will conduct a lead clearance test to ensure that the paint will not present a risk for lead poisoning.

Landlords can learn more about "Lead Safe Living" at the 2008 HCVP Landlord Conference on Friday, May 16, 2008. Information on registering for the conference is available at www.cmha.net under "Quick Links" on the Home Page or by calling 216.426.2700.

For more information on how to adopt "Lead Safe Living" or how to qualify for grants or loans to make required lead repairs, contact your local health department or the City of Cleveland Lead Information Line at 216.263.LEAD.



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NOTE: Revised New Landlord Briefing Schedule: Saturday classes have been rescheduled for May 10th and June 14th at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. May and June **Landlord Briefings on the Road** have been cancelled.



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