

The New RRP Rule: For Contractors

Beginning April 22, 2010, contractors performing work that disturbs lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must:

- Be trained as EPA Lead Renovators
- Be EPA renovation firm certified, and
- Follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

Training and certification must be renewed every 5 years.

To learn more about how you can meet these requirements contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323) or visit www.epa.gov/lead.

RRP RULES REQUIRE RENOVATORS TO LEAD-CERTIFY BEFORE RENOVATING OLDER HOUSING.

EPA Lead Renovator training courses are available across New York State from accredited training firms.

If you have previously taken lead safety training, you may be eligible to take only the 4-hour EPA Lead Renovator Refresher course to be in compliance with the law. Ask an accredited training firm for details.

Call or visit the websites for the training firms below to find a Lead Renovator course near you. Visit www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/toolkits.htm for a comprehensive, up-to-date list of available trainers.

- Environmental Education Associates, Inc.
Buffalo, NY
585-783-1465 x238
www.environmentaleducation.com
Courses held in Binghamton, Syracuse, Albany, NYC, Rochester, Buffalo, Jamestown, and on-site on request
- CNY Environmental Institute, Inc.
Syracuse, NY
315-703-0153
www.cnyenv.org
Courses held in Syracuse
- Connor Institute, Inc.
www.andersenrrptraining.com
Courses in various locations around NYS

Training and certification is required for all home improvement activity that disturbs more than 6 square feet of interior or 20 square feet of exterior lead paint in housing built before 1978, and in any child-occupied facility. Window replacement is always covered under the rule.

Visit the EPA's website for the most up-to-date lead pamphlets:
www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/brochure.htm

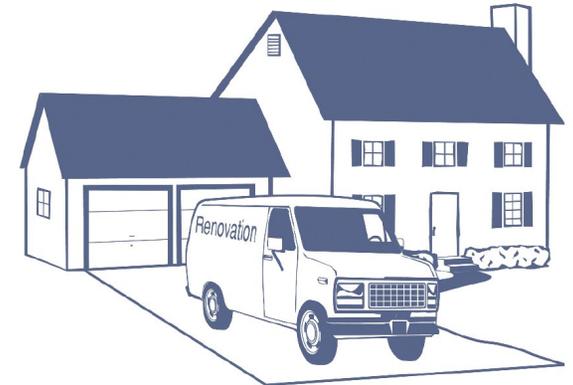
Visit the EPA's Lead Renovator and Trainer Tool Box:
www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/toolkits.htm



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS ABOUT LEAD



About half of homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint.

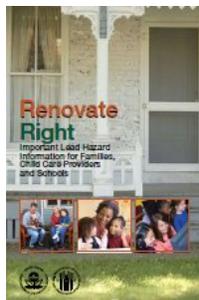
The likelihood of finding lead-based paint increases with the age of the home:

- **Two out of three homes built between 1940 and 1960 have lead-based paint.**
- **Nine out of ten homes built before 1940 have lead-based paint.**

Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

To protect against this risk, the EPA issued the Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule requiring the use of lead-safe work practices. Effective April 22, 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be trained, certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

Beginning April 2010 contractors performing work that disturbs lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must:



- Be trained as EPA Lead Renovators
- Be EPA renovation firm certified, and
- Follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.
- Provide Renovate Right pamphlet to owners, occupants, operators and parents of children attending targeted facilities prior to starting work

To learn more about how you can meet these requirements contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424LEAD (5323) or visit www.epa.gov/lead.

Failure to comply with the EPA's RRP Rule can lead to fines of up to \$37,500 per day, per violation.

Who Must Follow the RRP Rule?

In general, anyone who is paid to perform work that disturbs paint in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978, this may include, but is not limited to:

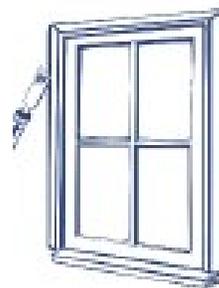
- Residential rental property owners/managers
- General contractors
- Special trade contractors, including:
 - Painters
 - Plumbers
 - Carpenters
 - Electricians



What Activities Are Subject to the RRP Rule?

In general, any activity that disturbs paint in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities, including:

- Remodeling and repair/maintenance
- Electrical work
- Plumbing
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Window replacement
- Demolition



What Does the RRP Rule Require?

There are specific requirements for compliance with the RRP Rule, including:

- Pre-renovation education requirements
- Training, Certification and Work Practice Requirements

For detailed information, read the Small Entity Compliance Guide, a handbook for contractors, property managers, and maintenance personnel working in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978.

Available at:
www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf

