

## Lead-based Paint Work Tips for Contractors/Landlords

# **Work Wet, Work Clean and Work Lead Safe!**

- **Do** ask, What year was your home built in?
- **Do** follow the Federal law and give your clients the booklet “Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home”, before beginning work that disturbs painted surfaces in any house or structure built before 1978.
- **Do** use lead safe work practices to protect your clients and workers.
- **Do** remind homeowners that pregnant women and children should not be present in any area where renovations are taking place.
- **Do** work wet and work clean.
- **Do** use a professional vacuum with a HEPA filter to clean up window areas, etc. from lead-based paint chips and dust.
- **Do** handle and discard construction debris properly to avoid contaminating the client’s home and soil with lead.
- **Do** consider training for yourself and your employees on lead safe work practices.
- **Do** wash your hands before eating, drinking, or smoking.
- **Do** remove your contaminated clothes and boots before entering your own home.
- **Do** shower and wash hair as soon as you arrive home.
- **Do** wash your work clothes separately from the rest of the family.
- **Do** wash the interior of your truck cab including seats and mats frequently. Vacuuming may spread lead-based paint dust.

- **Do** contact your local health department at 798-5067 if you need more information.
- **Do** consult the pamphlet: “Lead Paint Safety A Field Guide for Painting, Home Maintenance, and Renovation Work.
- **Do** obtain Lead Safe Work Practice Training
- **Don’t** dry scrape, dry sand, or burn lead-based paint.
- **Don’t** use the client’s home vacuum or Shopvac to clean up lead-based paint construction related dust.
- **Don’t** hold your children or sit on your home furniture until you have changed your work clothes and showered.