



WINNEBAGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT LEAD-SAFE HOMES PROGRAM

The Lead-Safe Homes Program helps coordinate and pay for the safe removal of lead hazards from homes and rental properties in Winnebago County.

Why is lead bad? Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health. It can damage the brain, body and nervous system, causing a range of health issues such as behavioral problems, learning disabilities, slowed growth and development, seizures and death.

Lead is toxic to everyone, but children younger than 6 years are at greatest risk for harm. The most common source of exposure is from lead-based paint, which was used in many homes built before 1978. Lead dust can form when the paint deteriorates, which is dangerous because you can't see it. The dust can stick to hands and toys, finding a way into kids' mouths. Children may also chew on items coated with lead paint, such as window sills, railings or furniture. Other sources of lead exposure can come from contaminated soils, water or products from countries where lead is not banned.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY FOR THE LEAD-SAFE HOMES PROGRAM?

Homeowners: The program covers up to 100% of the costs to make your home lead-safe.

Landlords: The program covers 85-100% of the costs to make your rental properties lead-safe.

Renters: There is no cost to you. Encourage your landlord to apply today!

All costs are subject to approval.

WHAT TYPES OF LEAD HAZARD REPAIRS ARE COVERED?

- Windows
- Fences
- Porches
- Soil
- Doors
- Siding
- Garages & sheds
- Gutters & exteriors

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE PROGRAM?

Apply to the program if:

- You own or rent your home and it was built before 1978, and
- Your home has children or a pregnant woman living or regularly visiting who are on, or eligible for, Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus, and
- Your property is insured and taxes are up to date.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Call: 920-232-3000
- Visit: www.wchd.pub/lead
- Email: health@winnebagocountywi.gov
- Point your phone's camera at the QR code
- Stop by the Winnebago County Health Department



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