

Lead Safe Certification

Due to the age of Cleveland's housing stock, children growing up in Cleveland are particularly susceptible to lead poisoning and its negative consequences. Recognizing this, Cleveland City Council, in 2019, passed legislation that requires owners of rental properties to prove that their dwelling units are safe from lead hazards.

Property owners or their agents must engage an independent contractor to perform a lead inspection on their property.

6 Easy Steps to be Lead Safe Certified

The City of Cleveland and the Lead Safe Coalition are working together to address lead poisoning in our community. In 6 easy steps, you can be Lead Safe Certified:

- 1 Step One**
Register your rental property & contact the resource center for more information
- 2 Step Two**
Check your property for lead hazards
- 3 Step Three**
Remediate lead hazards
- 4 Step Four**
Clean your property
- 5 Step Five**
Get lead clearance
- 6 Step Six**
Apply for lead safe certification

Lead Safe, Rental Inspection & Healthy Homes Initiative

For more detailed information; please utilize the contact information below:

Lead Safe Resource Center:

General lead information, list of Lead Service Providers,
lead grant information:
833-601-5323
info@leadsafecle.org
<https://leadsafecle.org/>

Department of Public Health:

Lead Hazard Control Orders
216-664-2300

Department of Community Development; Division of Neighborhood Services

Home Repair programs, grant funds;
priority given to poisoned children
216-664-2045

Department of Building and Housing; Lead Safe Certificates:

Once a report has been received,
submit for review and issuance of certificate
216-664-2274
Leadcertcle@clevelandohio.gov

Department of Building and Housing; Record Administration:

Register your rental property:
216-664-2994
BHRental@clevelandohio.gov

Additional information is available to landlords,
homeowners and tenants:

Federal Healthy Homes Guidelines:

<https://bit.ly/FedHealthyHomes>

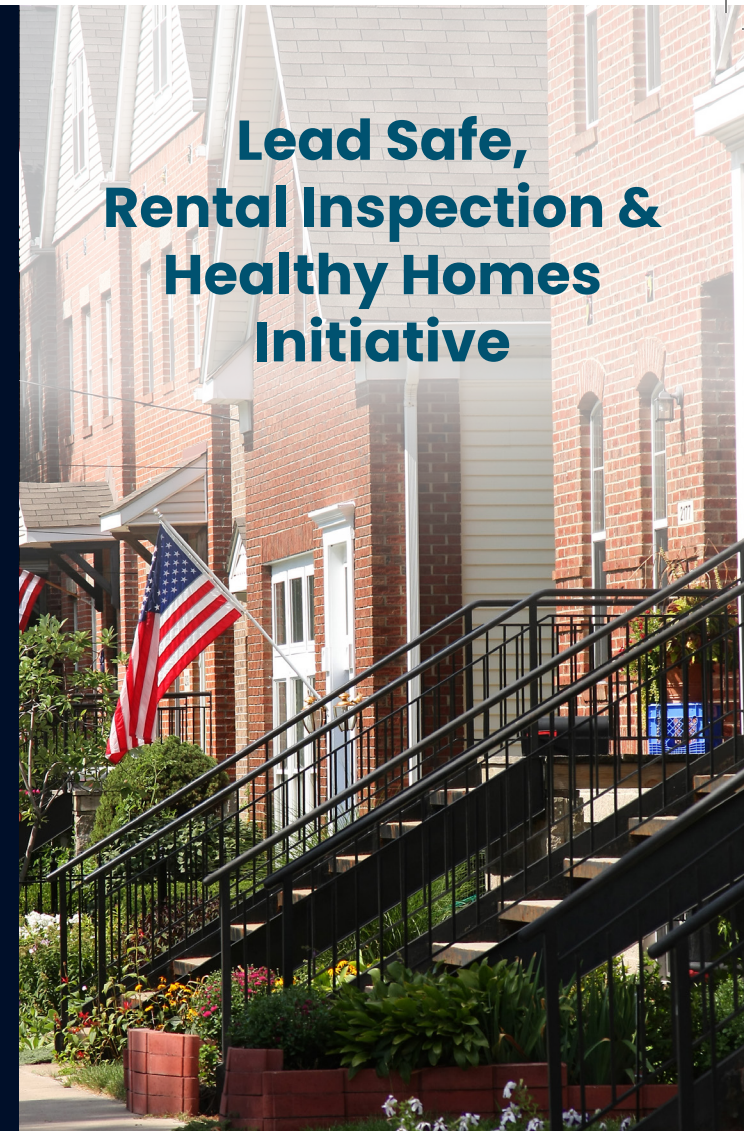
National Center for Healthy Housing website:

<http://bit.ly/NationalHealthyHousing>



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Healthy Homes Program

Rental Registration and Inspection Program Purpose

- The Rental Inspection Program ensures safe and healthy rental housing for all occupants—particularly children—through a proactive inspection program and interdepartmental cooperation.
- The Rental Registration Program maintains owner contact information for all residential rental units in Cleveland so that the City can contact owners in case of emergency or for inspection.

Rental Inspection – Primary Checklist Items

- Hot/cold running water
- Leaks under sinks (mold)
- Toilets flush & stable
- Smoke detector/CO monitors
- Excessive extension cord use
- Hot water heater condition
- Open junction boxes
- Flue present & properly connected to chimney
- Self-closers on doors (where applicable)
- Illuminated exit signs (where applicable)

The Rental Inspection Process

Building and Housing's inspectors will inspect all rental dwelling units in Cleveland on a rolling basis. Building and Housing's staff will contact landlords approximately one month before an inspection. Occupants or property managers may be present during the inspection in lieu of the owner. To ensure a smooth inspection process, property owners should conduct their own inspections before the city inspection to address any maintenance issues. City inspectors do not perform lead tests.

If a tenant or someone else has a complaint about a maintenance issue that the inspectors should check, send an e-mail to bhcomplaint@city.cleveland.oh.us.

The Rental Registration Process

Property owners can submit new and renewal applications online, by mail, or in person at City Hall Room 517. Registration is annual and registrations expire on March 1st of each calendar year. Renewal applications are due on or before the expiration date each year.

Components of a Healthy Home FAQs

Do I need a permit to work on my own home?

- Yes for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and structural work.
- No for paint, minor maintenance or repairs. However, if lead paint is present, yes you'll need a permit.



Does Cleveland have a list of all contractors in good standing?

No. But the City has a list of registered contractors. Call (216) 664-2884 to for info. Do not have an unregistered contractor perform work. Contractors must obtain all permits—don't use one that asks you to get a permit for them.

For lead service providers, please see contact info on back.

How do I know if a rental unit is registered? How do I know if a rental unit has been inspected? How do I know if a rental unit has lead?

Registered Rentals can be checked online: <https://bit.ly/CleRentalLookup>

Are there programs to help pay for repairs?

Cleveland offers programs in the form of grants and loans. Please see contact info on back.

Goals of Healthy Homes

- Prevent illnesses related to home environment.
- Simple actions to clean and maintain the home.
- Reduce and prevent health issues like asthma or lead poisoning.

Principles of a Healthy Home

Dry: Prevent water from entering your home through leaks in roofing systems, rain water from entering the home due to poor drainage, and check your interior plumbing for any leaking.

Clean: Control the source of dust and contaminants, creating smooth and cleanable surfaces, reducing clutter, and using effective wet-cleaning methods.

Safe: Store poisons out of the reach of children and properly label. Secure loose rugs and keep children's play areas free from hard or sharp surfaces. Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep fire extinguishers on hand.

Well-Ventilated: Ventilate bathrooms and kitchens and use whole house ventilation for supplying fresh air to reduce the concentration of contaminants in the home.

Pest-free: All pests look for food, water, and shelter. Seal cracks and openings throughout the home; store food in pest-resistant containers. If needed, use sticky-traps and baits in closed containers, along with least toxic pesticides such as boric acid powder.

Contaminant-free: Reduce lead-related hazards in pre-1978 homes by fixing deteriorated paint, and keeping floors and window areas clean using wet-cleaning approach. Test your home for radon, a naturally occurring dangerous gas that enters homes through soil, crawlspaces, and foundation crack. Install a radon removal system if levels above the EPA action-level are detected.

Maintained: No peeling paint on bare soil. Inspect, clean, and repair your home routinely. Take care of minor repairs and problems before they become large repairs and problems.

Thermally Controlled: Houses that do not maintain adequate temperatures may place the safety of residents at increased risk from exposure to extreme cold or heat.

Source: HUD, <https://bit.ly/FedHealthyHomes>