



**NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® — 2026
INFORMATION SHEET — LEAD-BASED PAINT (LBP)
RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING PROGRAM**



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THE LEAD-BASED PAINT RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING PROGRAM ("PROGRAM") GOVERNS RENOVATION ACTIVITIES IN BUILDINGS "TARGETED" BY THE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM COVERS TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF RENOVATORS; PRE-RENOVATION NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; WORK PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER RENOVATIONS; POST-RENOVATION COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION AND RECORD KEEPING. THIS INFORMATION SHEET SUMMARIZES SOME OF THE KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM. IT IS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE AND SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON WHEN CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES GOVERNED BY THE PROGRAM. REFER TO <https://www.epa.gov/lead> FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM AND CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY WITH QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.

PERSONS TO WHOM THE PROGRAM APPLIES: Owners and property managers who *have renovations performed for compensation on properties "TARGETED" by the Program* and contractors, such as painters, plumbers, carpenters and electricians *who perform renovations for compensation on properties "TARGETED" by the Program.*

PROPERTIES "TARGETED" BY THE PROGRAM: 1) Residential houses constructed prior to 1978; 2) Apartments or other multi-family housing units constructed prior to 1978; 3) Child-occupied facilities constructed prior to 1978, including schools and daycares; and 4) Housing for the elderly and/or disabled constructed prior to 1978 **WHERE CHILDREN LESS THAN SIX (6) YEARS OF AGE RESIDE OR ARE EXPECTED TO RESIDE.**

DEFINITIONS: CHILD-OCCUPIED FACILITY is defined as a building or portion thereof that is visited regularly by the same child less than six (6) years of age, on at least two (2) different days per week when each day's visit lasts at least three (3) hours. Combined weekly visits must total at least six (6) hours and combined annual visits must total at least sixty (60) hours, HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY refers to retirement communities or similar types of housing reserved for households composed of one or more persons 62 years of age or older at the time of initial occupancy, PRIOR TO 1978 means buildings for which a construction permit was obtained, or if no permit was obtained, buildings on which construction was started, before January 1, 1978; and RENOVATION is defined as any activity that disturbs painted surfaces including: most repairs (painting, plumbing and electrical work), remodeling, carpentry and maintenance activities, such as window replacement.

COMMON AREAS AND EXTERIOR SIDES: The Program applies to common areas and exteriors of "targeted" properties. In child-care facilities, the Program only applies to common areas routinely used by children less than six (6) years of age, such as restrooms and cafeterias and to exterior sides of the building that are immediately adjacent to the child-care facility or common areas used by children less than six (6) years of age.

PROPERTY NOT AFFECTED: 1) Buildings built in or after 1978 (See definition of "Prior to 1978"); 2) Housing for elderly or disabled persons built prior to 1978, **UNLESS CHILDREN UNDER SIX (6) YEARS OF AGE RESIDE OR ARE EXPECTED TO RESIDE THERE;** 3) Zero (0) bedroom dwellings (studio apartments, dormitories, barracks, etc.); and, 4) Housing declared lead-free in writing by a certified inspector or risk assessor.

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PRE-RENOVATION NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: Firms and renovators conducting renovations governed by the Program are required to provide notice to specific individuals prior to beginning renovations. Notice shall include the nature, location, start and end dates of renovations, and a copy of the prescribed Pamphlet entitled *"RENOVATE RIGHT: IMPORTANT LEAD HAZARD INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES, CHILD-CARE PROVIDERS AND SCHOOLS"*

("Pamphlet") or information on how to obtain a copy of the Pamphlet from the firm at no charge. The specific individuals entitled to Notice, time frames for providing Notice, and additional requirements of Notice are available at www.epa.gov/lead.

PRE- AND POST- RENOVATION REQUIREMENTS AND LEAD-SAFE WORK PRACTICES:

Firms and renovators conducting renovation activities governed by the Program must follow specific lead-safe work practices during each phase of the renovation which include the following: 1) Pre-renovation activities including, but not limited to, Notice (as discussed above) and site-area containment; 2) Renovation activities, which include work-area containment of dust and debris and prohibition against the use of certain techniques, such as open flame burning; 3) Post-renovation clean-up which includes the use of HEPA vacuums and a "white-glove" verification procedure; and 4) Post-renovation compliance notification (as discussed below). Certified renovators will have received training in all of these areas, as well as in the record keeping requirements of the Program. Complete information on the requirements in each of these areas is available at www.epa.gov/lead.

POST-RENOVATION COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION:

Effective July 6, 2010, renovation firms are required to provide owners and occupants of buildings being renovated with a copy of records demonstrating compliance with the Program and work practice requirements. This information must be delivered along with the final invoice for the renovation, or within 30 days of the completion of the renovation, whichever is earlier. This notification can be accomplished through the use of EPA's "Sample Renovation Recordkeeping Checklist". Firms may also develop their own forms or checklists as long as they include all of the required information. This information should be provided in a short, easily read checklist or other form. For common area renovations, the renovation firm must provide the residents of the affected housing units with instructions on how to review or obtain this information from the renovation firm at no charge. These instructions must also be provided to parents/guardians of children attending child-care facilities where renovations have been performed. Additional information regarding the Compliance Notification are available at www.epa.gov/lead.

FIRM CERTIFICATION: Firms are required to be certified, to have all employees trained in the use of lead-safe work practices, and to implement lead-safe work practices that minimize occupant's exposure to lead hazards. Firms must submit an "APPLICATIONS FOR FIRMS" to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), signed by the authorized agent of the firm and pay the correct fees. Renovators of the firm must be trained, and lead-safe work practices must be followed.

CERTIFIED FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES: 1) to ensure that all persons who perform activities that disturb painted surfaces on behalf of the firm are either certified renovators or have been trained by a certified renovator; 2) to ensure that a certified renovator is assigned to each renovation and performs all of the certified renovator responsibilities; 3) to ensure that all renovations performed by the firm are done so in accordance with the work practice standards of the Program; 4) to ensure pre-renovation education and post-renovation Compliance Notification requirements of the Program are performed; and 5) to ensure that the Program's record keeping requirements are met.

RENOVATOR CERTIFICATION: 1) Attended an eight (8) hour Renovation Training Course offered by an accredited provider, **and** 2) Received a completion certificate **OR** if the renovator had already completed a Lead Abatement Worker or Supervisor Course or a Model Renovation Training Course, attended a four (4) hour refresher course. Renovators must be re-certified every five (5) years.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CERTIFIED RENOVATORS: 1) Must be in overall compliance with the Program requirements; 2) Must use test kits acceptable to the EPA; 3) Must provide on-the-job training to workers; 4) Must be physically present at the work site when warning signs are being posted, while work-area containment is being established, and while work-area cleaning is being performed; 5) Must regularly direct work being performed by others to ensure overall compliance; 6) Must be available, either on-site or by telephone, at all times renovations are being conducted; 7) Must have with them at all work sites, copies of their initial course completion certificate and their most recent refresher course completion certificate; 8) Must perform project cleaning verification; and 9) Must prepare required records.

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EXCEPTIONS TO APPLICATION OF THE PROGRAM: 1) Owner-occupants performing renovations on their own homes; 2) Tenants performing work on their own rental units/homes ***PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE LANDLORD/OWNER DOES NOT REBATE ANY PORTION OF THE RENT OR OTHERWISE COMPENSATE THE TENANT FOR THE WORK***; 3) Abatement actions which permanently eliminate lead-based paint; 4) Emergency renovations which are defined as a sudden unexpected event that presents a safety hazard and/or risk of significant damage and include interim controls performed in response to an elevated blood lead level in a resident child. ***THIS EXCEPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CLEAN-UP OR RECORD KEEPING WHICH ARE STILL REQUIRED PER THE PROGRAM***; and 5) “Minor repairs and maintenance” which is defined as renovations affecting less than six (6) square feet inside and less than twenty (20) square feet outside. The minor repairs and maintenance exception never includes restricted work practices (e.g. open flame burning), nor does it include demolition of surface areas or window replacements unless windows and/or surfaces have been tested, and there has been a written determination from an inspector or risk assessor who used a spot test kit recognized by the EPA that components affected are lead-free. These test results must be disclosed to the owner and tenant. In determining square footage affected, individuals must add together the square footage of all work performed in a thirty (30) day period (“30-Day Rule”).

PENALTIES AND COMPLIANCE

The penalty for violations of the program is up to \$37,500 per violation/per day. The EPA's small business compliance policy applies to businesses with 100 or fewer employees. The policy sets forth guidelines for the EPA to apply in reducing or waiving penalties for small businesses that come forward to disclose violations before the violations are identified by the EPA and that make a good faith effort to correct those violations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.epa.gov/lead to download versions of pamphlets and the Recordkeeping Checklist and to obtain the full text of the Program, interpretive guidance, detailed information on the Program requirements and the Small Business Compliance Policy.

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