

## What to Expect from your Lead Safe Contractor

If you are hiring a contractor for repair or renovation work on your home, consider hiring a contractor who uses lead safe practices. Renovation projects can generate a lot of dust and may expose workers and residents to lead in dust or paint flecks. This applies to all homes in Trail and Rivervale and, regarding lead paint, homes built before 1976 in any community.

A Lead Safe Contractor will protect you and your family from unnecessary exposure to lead dust generated during renovations. By using lead safe practices, they also protect themselves, their employees, and their families from exposure to lead. Trail Area Lead Safe Contractors who have been evaluated by us will have watched our Lead Safe Renovation video series and be committed to using lead safe practices. This checklist outlines how a Lead Safe Contractor will keep dust down on a project.

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#### Before the work starts

- Explains how they will keep dust down on the project
- Discusses how you can help to keep dust down

#### Setting up the work area    Indoors:

- Removes moveable items from the work area
- Covers and seals off items left in the work area
- Shuts off ventilation system; closes and covers air vents
- Closes windows and doors
- Seals off the work area from the rest of the house with plastic sheeting and tape
- Covers floors with plastic sheeting, if necessary

#### Outdoors:

- Closes windows and doors near to the work area
- Talks to neighbours about closing doors & windows too, if necessary
- Covers ground with plastic sheeting or tarps in the area where debris may collect
- Covers & seals off items, e.g. play structures, that cannot be moved

#### During the work

- Keeps residents and pets out of the work area
- Creates as little dust as possible by using water and/or spray bottles to keep materials slightly damp
- Uses a HEPA filtered shop vacuum
- Only uses power tools with dust shrouds attached to a HEPA shop vacuum
- Does not use power sanders or heat guns on lead paint
- Avoids tracking dust in and out of the work area and covers the debris removal route with plastic sheeting or tarps
- Stores demolition debris on tarps or in a truck or trailer
- Seals debris in garbage bags or under tarps; keeps dust down on debris piles
- Covers and secures loads leaving the site for disposal

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### Protects Workers and their Families

- Workers use protective equipment such as disposable coveralls, booties, gloves and half-face respirators with P100 filters
- Workers use soap and water (or Wet Wipes) to wash up before breaks and at the end of the day
- Workers have a way to keep their home clothes clean (e.g. storage tub, designated clean space)
- Workers hose off work boots and change out of work clothes before leaving project site

### Clean up

#### Daily:

- Maintains good housekeeping on the project and safely disposes of renovation debris
- Cleans up every day and avoids sweeping of dusty debris
- Uses a HEPA shop vacuum (even outdoors!)

#### At the end of the indoor project:

- HEPA vacuums and wipes down tools
- Removes all plastic sheeting by misting the sheeting, folding inwards and disposing
- HEPA vacuums the project area from top to bottom
- Damp wipes and mops the project area from top to bottom using a double bucket and changing the water and rag often
- Checks the cleaning by wiping with a clean wet wipe. You should not see dirt or dust on the wet wipe

#### At the end of an outdoor project:

- HEPA vacuums and wipes down tools
- Removes tarps and plastic sheeting by misting, folding inwards and disposing
- HEPA vacuums the areas below and around the tarps (i.e. decks, paths, patios)
- Hoses off the area below and around the tarps
- Visually checks to make sure all dust and dirt has been cleaned up