

## Benefits of a Lead Maintenance Certificate

### *It Protects Children and Property Owners*

- **Legal protection**

Obtaining a certificate may provide a legal defense in case of a lawsuit

- **Rental Feature**

A certificate tells the public that your property meets local, state and federal lead safety guidelines

- **Protect Children**

Reduce the chance that a child will be poisoned from exposure to lead hazards at your property, by following lead maintenance certificate guidelines

- **Save Money**

Repair your property before a child is poisoned- you don't have to use a licensed lead abatement contractor and with training you may be able to do some of the work yourself

**Learn the Risks.  
Get Kids Tested.  
Reduce Lead Hazards.**

### **Who can participate?**

City of Cleveland residential properties, childcare centers or schools are eligible for a Lead Maintenance Certificate

### **Is financial assistance available for lead hazard repairs?**

You may be eligible for grants and loans for required lead repairs

For information, call **216-263-LEAD** or log onto [www.clevelandhealth.org/lead](http://www.clevelandhealth.org/lead)

## How do I apply for the Lead Maintenance Certificate?

- Comply with Lead Maintenance Certificate requirements
- Complete application and pay filing fee- \$10.00 (per unit)

**Applications are available at:  
Cleveland Department  
of Public Health  
1925 St. Clair Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114  
(216) 263- LEAD (5323)**

**Note:** This information is intended to provide a general idea of the requirements for the Lead Maintenance Certificate.

**The certificate is valid for one year**

# Lead Safe Living

## Lead Maintenance Program

for owners and managers of pre-1978 residential properties and child care facilities



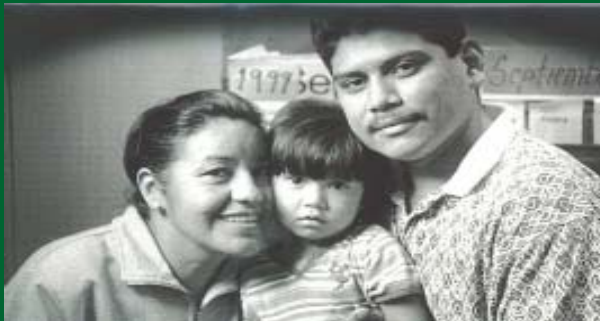
**A guide to obtaining a Lead Maintenance Certificate**

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## About the Lead Maintenance Program

In 2004, Cleveland City Council adopted a Childhood Lead Exposure Ordinance establishing the new Lead Maintenance Certificate program. This program is designed to reduce childhood lead exposure in older housing.

Participation in the program is voluntary. Owners of residential properties or child care facilities built before 1978 are eligible and encouraged to obtain a Lead Maintenance Certificate.



## Introducing the City of Cleveland Lead Maintenance Certificate

The Lead Maintenance Certificate is issued by the City of Cleveland to demonstrate that residential or childcare facilities are maintained in a lead-safe manner.

## Obtaining a Lead Maintenance Certificate

### 1. Get training

- Complete a 6-hour Essential Maintenance Practices training class- call **216-263-LEAD** to find out about classes

### 2. Fix current lead hazards

- Work safely – all work must be done by trained people, using lead-safe work practices
- Fix peeling paint– repair chipping and peeling paint and other causes of paint failure
- Cover floors, window sills and window wells with a cleanable covering
- Cover bare soil - Plant grass, use mulch, or other plantings, pavers, etc.
- Keep lead dust levels low- do annual specialized lead dust cleaning

### 3. Inform tenants about lead hazards

- Tenants (or prospective tenants) must be given information about lead hazards when signing or renewing a lease
- Look for deteriorated paint, underlying damage and other conditions that may cause exposure to lead yearly or when a unit becomes vacant

- Ask tenants to report peeling paint and needed repairs promptly

- Safely repair deteriorated paint or other building components that may cause exposure to lead and eliminate the source of the problem



**Caution: Lead Paint  
Handle With Care**

### 4. Pass an annual inspection and keep records

- Once a year have a licensed professional conduct a visual inspection for lead hazards and test dust for lead
- Develop a maintenance plan that includes keeping records of all training, lead maintenance and repairs, annual inspections, and other certificate requirements
- Save all maintenance records for at least three years