



## VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD

HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
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### EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINTING AND REMOVAL OF LEAD PAINT

Many homes in Ridgewood have lead paint on the exterior walls and windows. This paint is not usually the top layer, but is paint applied over thirty years ago. There are simple kits available at hardware stores and paint stores to detect the presence of lead.

If there is lead in the exterior paint, the following regulations should be followed either by the homeowner or the contractor doing the work

- Unconfined power sanding of old lead paint is prohibited. If paint is to be sanded, a sander with a cover and a hepa vacuum is recommended. The health department has information on where these machines can be purchased.
- Do not blast or power wash lead-based painted surfaces. Blasting and power washing create large amounts of dust and waste water that contain lead and can contaminate the soil and get into your house.
- Seal all doors and windows with 6 mil polyethylene plastic sheeting.
- Lay plastic on the ground where sanding or scraping is to be done. Discard at the end of the day in a heavy duty plastic bag. This will prevent the spreading of the dust inside the house.
- Do wear a respirator equipped with a hepa filter, so you don't breathe in lead.
- Don't wear dust masks; they won't protect you from lead.

### INTERIOR PAINT PREPARATIONS

- Keep all children and non-working people out of the work-area until clean-up is complete.
- Wear a properly fitted respirator equipped with hepa filters.
- Wear protective clothing.
- Change your clothes before leaving the work area.
- Remove furniture, area rugs, and curtains from area being renovated.
- A layer of 6 mil polyethylene plastic sheeting should be placed on the floor and on furnishings and exposed surfaces.
- Turn off forced-air heating and air conditioning.
- An airlock should be constructed at the entry to the work area.
- Use a hepa filter equipped vacuum cleaner to remove dust from the inside of the house and the ducts.

For Further Information, Please Contact The Health Department Or Visit The [epa.gov](http://epa.gov) Website.

**Protect Your Family From Lead Poisoning, Especially Children 6 mos To 6 Yrs Old**