



There can be no more urgent an issue than protecting the safety and well being of our children. Chances are, if your home was built pre-1978, you may have a lead safety issue.

Through this initiative, the City of Providence is addressing the hazards of lead poisoning upon our youth, our families and our neighborhoods, by identifying it and providing the funds necessary to correct it.

In this pamphlet, you will find the tools you need to keep you and your families safe in your homes and in your community.

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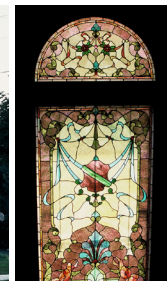
LEAD-SAFE IN PROVIDENCE



An Initiative for
Making Your Home
Lead Safe

David N. Cicilline, Mayor

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The City of Providence has been awarded \$5.5 million through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide help to Providence residents and property owners facing hazardous lead issues.

Funds are available - citywide and in targeted areas - as forgivable grants and deferred loans, to qualified homeowners and landlords.

They may be used to replace and/or repair affected properties - such as new or repaired windows, walls, ceilings, doors and frames, and interior/exterior staircases, as determined to be needed.

With the help of professional contractors, the city will inspect the site; repair or replace lead-affected areas of the property, and provide you with a 1- year certificate that your home is lead safe.

Income-eligible homeowners* living in substandard pre-1978 privately-owned homes citywide, and within targeted Census tracts, may apply on-line or in person by appointment, at the City's Department of Planning and Development.

Low-income is defined as 80% AMI (Average Median Income) or less. For example, you are a family of 4 with an annual household income of \$58, 550.)

What does it cover?

Windows, doors, door frames, walls, staircases and stairwells, ceilings — any painted surface— inside or outside affected by lead paint.

Who may apply?

Any homeowner who is 80-percent of the AMI, or any landlord whose property is in the City. Also, if you live in or the property you own is within any of the following Census tracts: 1600, 1700, 1800 and 3100 (within the neighborhoods of Silver Lake, Hartford Park and Mt. Hope.)

How do I apply?

Call the Department of Planning and Development at 401. 351. 4300 ext. 408, or visit www.providenceplanning.org and click on Housing. Download a copy of the application and mail/ hand deliver to:

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What happens next?

Once the application is received, a DPD staff member will call you to set up a meeting at the earliest convenience. A Verification Officer will determine your ownership and eligibility. (Please bring warranty deed and 2 recent paycheck stubs to prove ownership and income.) The staff will also determine if you are eligible for other programs or services.

An assessment and specs for remediation work will be done at that time, and a contractor invited to walk-through the premises — usually by the next week — to identify specific remedies needed.

Qualified licensed contractors will then be given the job specifications, and a closing date set on the deferred loan -- about a month later. Once all work is completed, the contractor and City's Lead Inspector will return to your property to conduct additional tests, to be sure no unsafe lead levels remain. They will then issue you a one-year, free Lead-Safe certificate.

What will it cost?

Qualified Homeowners will receive forgivable grants for 50% of the cost of the project, (if they keep the property for 5+ years,) and 0%-interest, deferred loans for the remaining 50% of the cost, payable upon transfer of property.

Non-owner occupied will receive forgivable grants for 25% of the cost of the project (if they keep the property for 5+ years,) and 0% interest, deferred loans for the remaining 75% of the cost, payable upon transfer of property.

If you sell prior to 5 years, the amount will be pro-rated.

Don't hesitate to call if you have questions!

For more information, visit www.providenceplanning.org or call 401 351 4300 ext. 408