

LEAD-BASED PAINT ASSESSMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What is a lead-based paint assessment?

A lead based paint assessment is one part of the Homeowner Assistance Program process (http://d2se92fabdh4cm.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/15142949/Process-Handout-Assessment_12-15-17.pdf). It involves having a Restore Louisiana lead-based paint assessor come to your home to inspect and test your paint, take samples of the soil outside and sample the dust on floors and window sills inside. The assessor will need to inspect both the interior and exterior of the home.

Who needs a lead-based paint assessment?

A lead-based paint assessment is required for homes constructed before 1978. If your home was selected for a lead-based paint assessment, it is due to the age of your home or the location of your home and the proximity to older structures or roads based on satellite imagery.

Why do they dust sample my floors and window sills and take soil samples?

Lead-based paint dust may be generated during the construction process if it was present in the home before the flood. The dust samples are collected to look for this residue. Lead-based paint may be present in the soil around your home from lead-based paint dust generated during construction or from paint currently or previously chipping off the exterior of your home and falling to the ground. These samples are sent to a laboratory for analysis.

Will a lead-based paint assessment damage my paint?

Most lead-based paint assessments can be completed without destruction of the paint. New technology allows the assessor to scan the paint instead of scraping it.

How long will a lead-based paint assessment take?

Most lead-based paint assessments can be completed in two hours or less. The length of time for the assessment is dependent on the size of the home, the age of the home and the condition of the paint.

How long does it take to find out if I have lead based paint?

Dust and soil samples are sent to a laboratory for analysis; after this a report is generated, reviewed and e-mailed to you in approximately two weeks or less.

What happens if the assessor finds lead-based paint?

The results of the lead-based paint inspection are combined with the results of the damage assessment and are used to determine your potential award. The detection of lead-based paint will not disqualify you from the Program, require you to move, or reduce your potential award. If lead-based paint is detected, the Program will determine what steps are necessary to remove any potential hazard. You are not responsible for paying for lead-based paint treatment.

How is lead-based paint treated?

There are several ways to treat lead-based paint if detected in your home. Several options may be available to you and may include importing clean soil or mulch, cleaning the surfaces, sanding and repainting, item replacement, or covering the lead-based paint with something such as new wood or vinyl siding. The treatment options available to you are dependent on the location and quantity of the lead-based paint.

The lead-based paint detected on my home was treated, what happens now?

A lead-based paint assessor returns to your home to confirm that all lead-based paint hazards were properly treated. This is called a Clearance exam and is required if a lead-based paint assessment detected hazards.

How can I find out more information about lead-based paint?

Please visit the Department of Housing and Urban Development's webpage at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/healthyhomes/lead or the Environmental Protection Agency's webpage at <https://www.epa.gov/lead> for more information about the hazards associated with lead-based paint.