

Don't Spread Lead: Checklist to Work Lead Safe

Job Site Materials

- Disposable plastic sheeting
- Heavy duty plastic waste bags
- Spray bottles with water
- Wet sanding blocks
- Duct tape
- Sponges and disposable mop heads
- Disposable cloths
- Detergent for cleaning walls and floors
- Vacuum, with HEPA filter if available
- Protective eyewear
- N-100 respirators
- Disposable gloves, hats, and coveralls
- Tools
- Hand soap
- At least two buckets

This checklist will help you make sure that you are following the **Five Steps to Lead Safety**.



Questions to Answer Before Work Starts

- Is this home older than 1978? If so, has it been tested for lead-based paint?
- Do you know where the lead is located, and will your project disturb those areas? If so, make sure you work lead-safe.
- Do you have all of the materials you need? See the list on the left.
- Are there working sinks for hand washing?
- Have you put down and taped enough plastic? Plastic should cover the room, or extend 20 feet from work area if working outside.
- Is there a safe place to put waste bags, to protect children and pets?

Questions to Answer During Work

- Is your family or tenants and pets staying out of the work area?
- Are you following the **Five Steps**? These are:
 - Protect occupants and their belongings
 - Prepare work area
 - Protect yourself
 - Work wet
 - Work clean
- Are you making sure you and other workers do not track lead dust out of the work area?
- Is anyone eating, smoking, or drinking in the work area?

Questions to Answer After Work

- Have you HEPA vacuumed, washed, and then HEPA vacuumed again?
- Is all plastic sheeting up and disposed of in heavy-duty plastic bags?
- Did you remove and dispose of personal protective equipment?
- Are all waste bags sealed with duct tape and ready for disposal?
- Have all workers washed hands, faces, and shoes before going home?