Clean Out LEAD

HOW TO CLEAN OUT LEAD

Cleaning your home is one of the best ways to protect your child from lead poisoning.

Don’t Breathe Dust

Lead dust is dangerous to everyone. When cleaning:

• Keep children away.
• Wash your hands thoroughly when you are done.
• Do NOT clean if you are or may be pregnant.
**Wet Clean**

Wet cleaning helps to reduce the spread of lead dust. Start at the highest point and work down. For floors, start at the farthest corner and work your way to the door.

- Use SOAPY water when wiping surfaces with a rag or mop.
- RINSE with plain water.
- Squeeze water out of the rag or mop into an EMPTY bucket.
- Repeat until room is clean.
- Wet clean everything regularly.
- Clean ONE room at a time. When finished with one room, empty all buckets and repeat steps for each room in the home.

**Rugs**

Vacuum rugs using a HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filter vacuum, NOT a regular household vacuum.

- Vacuum from top to bottom of the room, then left to right.
- Steam clean or use a washing machine to clean rugs.

**Laundry**

- Do not wash cleaning cloths with other laundry.
- If you work with lead, wash your clothes separately from other laundry.

Contact us if you have questions about cleaning up lead dust.