



EPA's Exterior Lead-Based Paint Stabilization Program

Omaha Lead Superfund Site Omaha, Nebraska

Quick Facts

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What is EPA's exterior lead-based paint stabilization program all about?

As a part of the ongoing cleanup of lead-contaminated soil in eastern Omaha, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a stabilization program to prevent yards from becoming recontaminated by deteriorating (loose, flaking) lead-based paint. Deteriorating lead-based paint on the outside of homes can fall to the ground and raise lead concentrations in soils to unsafe levels. Children can accidentally swallow paint chips or lead-contaminated soil, which can cause lead poisoning. The EPA lead-based paint stabilization program is designed to assure that soil lead levels remain protective after a soil cleanup is completed.

Which homes are eligible for lead-based paint stabilization?

To determine which properties are eligible for lead-based paint stabilization, a lead-based paint assessment must first be performed to determine the severity of any lead-based paint problem that may exist. Homes, garages, and other structures with the most severe lead-based paint problems will be eligible for lead-based paint stabilization. The EPA lead-based paint stabilization program will be limited to properties which are eligible for a soil cleanup or where a soil cleanup has been performed. During the lead-based paint assessment, EPA contractors will test the exterior surfaces of homes to evaluate the lead content and condition of the exterior paint. **This paint assessment work is strictly voluntary and will only be performed with the permission of the homeowner.**

The lead-based paint assessment and any necessary lead-based paint stabilization will be performed at no cost to homeowners or residents. Homes that have the most severe lead-based paint problems, particularly where children under the age of seven live, will be treated first.

What work will be performed?

EPA's lead-based paint stabilization program is designed to prevent loose and flaking lead-based paint from falling to the ground and raising soil lead concentrations to unsafe levels. The work which will be offered in most cases will not consist of complete house repainting. Surfaces which have loose and flaking lead-based paint will be prepared, primed and painted. Lead-safe work practices will be followed.

Who will perform the work?

EPA has teamed with the City of Omaha Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP) to conduct the lead-based paint stabilization program. EPA contractors will perform lead-based paint assessments on exterior home surfaces. The results of the lead-based paint assessments will be evaluated to identify the properties where exterior lead-based paint problems are most severe. A representative from the EPA or LHCP will contact these homeowners to review the work that is needed at their residences. The work will proceed only after reaching agreement with the homeowner on the scope of the work to be performed, and receiving their permission to proceed.

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and the City of Omaha Lead Hazard Control Program (LHCP)

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When will the work will be performed?

Testing of exterior paint on homes has been underway since 2006. The actual lead-based paint stabilization work began in 2007. If your property is eligible for a soil cleanup, or if a soil cleanup has been performed at your property, you will be contacted by an EPA contractor for permission to perform a lead-based paint assessment on your home within the next year. Testing is performed using a hand-held instrument that does not disturb painted surfaces. The results of this testing will be sent to the homeowner and residents by mail. A representative from the LHCP or EPA will contact you to arrange for any necessary lead-based paint stabilization work.

What if my house does not qualify for the EPA lead-based paint stabilization program?

EPA's legal authority to address exterior lead-based paint is very limited. Only a portion of the homes that are evaluated by EPA will qualify for paint stabilization work under this program. If you have problems with lead-based paint or other lead exposure hazards that can not be addressed by EPA, you may contact the city of Omaha LHCP at the number listed below for information about other programs that may provide assistance.

Contact Information

EPA has established two Public Information Centers located in north and south Omaha. Both of these local offices can provide general information about the Omaha Lead Site and/or specific information about your individual property, including results of soil and paint testing performed by EPA. Residents can also use a toll-free number to contact EPA directly at the regional Kansas City, Kansas, office.

NORTH PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER

3040 Lake Street
Omaha, NE 68111
(402) 991-9583

Days and Hours of Operation:

M, W, & F – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

T & Th – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SOUTH PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER

4909 South 25th Street
Omaha, NE 68107
(402) 731-3045

Days and Hours of Operation:

M, W, & F – 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

T & Th – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**All work that is agreed upon
will be free to the
homeowner (and residents)
and is strictly voluntary.**