

Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: Lead Paint

Potential Hazards: Lead paint is hazardous. If your leftover paint was purchased before 1980, it may contain lead. You must follow special precautions when renovating areas with lead paint. Exposure to lead can cause serious health problems, especially for children and pregnant women. It is important to follow proper procedures to keep yourself and your family safe when handling lead-based paint. Contractors or maintenance personnel who work in areas with lead paint must be certified in Lead Paint Removal & Renovations.

Recycle: N/A. Take this material to your local Regional Collection Center.

Proper Disposal: Paints containing lead are accepted at your local Regional Collection Center, find yours at iowadnr.gov/hhm under the RCC tab.

Green Alternatives: Use latex exterior and interior paint.

Simple Steps to Protect your Family from Lead Hazards:

- Get your children tested for lead, even if they seem healthy.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Make sure your children eat healthy, low fat foods.
- Get your home checked for lead hazards.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- Wipe soil off shoes before entering house.
- Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- Do not try to remove lead-based paint by yourself.

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention