

VANDERGURGH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Cleaning to Remove Lead Dust

Materials Needed:

- Plastic gloves
- Spray bottle with water
- Heavy weight trash bags
- General-purpose cleaner
- Two buckets
- Disposable lint free towels, sponges and mops

Procedures:

- Fill one bucket with hot water and cleaner mixed by the product's instructions.
- Fill the second bucket with clear hot water so you can rinse your sponges often. Change this water each time you start to clean a new area. Dispose of rinse and cleaning water in the toilet, not on the ground.
- Put on gloves.
- Use the spray bottle to wet down any dust or paint debris with a fine mist of water.
- Carefully remove large paint chips or debris and dispose of them in a trash bag.
- Start at higher areas to be cleaned and work to the lower areas.
- After washing surfaces with the cleaner solution, rinse with clean water.
- Discard all cleaning materials in trash bags, seal the bags and set them out for pick up.
- Damp mop floors, then rinse in the alternate direction, change mop heads at least every other month.

Places to clean extra well:

- windowsills, trim and wells (the area between the storm and interior windows).
- floors, especially near entryways.
- Horizontal surfaces within four (4) feet of the floor

Remember:

- Do not allow children into the work area. Do not eat, drink or smoke while working.
- Rinse your sponges and towels often.
- Change your wash and rinse water for each new surface. Dispose of used water in the toilet.
- Children's toys should be wiped clean with a non-toxic cleaner. Stuffed toys should be washed or discarded.
- Carpets should be cleaned periodically to prevent dust accumulation. Use a steam or wet extraction type cleaner.
- Water may mar furniture finishes; use furniture cleaner to remove dust.

If you have any questions, contact the Vanderburgh Co. Health Dept. at 435-5695
Additional information about lead and healthy homes can be found at:

www.vanderburghcounty.in.gov/lead