

A Homeowner and Renter's Guide to Safe Cleaning of Lead Paint Chips and Dust

STEP ONE: Prepare Supplies

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Prepare. Gather rubber gloves, throw-away wipes or towels, garbage bags, spray bottle with soap and water, and mop.

Put on rubber gloves. If you do not have rubber (or disposable) gloves, you will need to wash your hands well after cleaning.

Use supplies you can throw away. Use soapy cleaners or products made to remove lead dust.

Don't use a vacuum unless it is a HEPA vacuum. A regular vacuum will spread lead dust into the air. Some health departments have HEPA vacuums available to borrow.



STEP TWO: Remove Paint Chips

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Remove paint chips. Window areas and porches often have peeling paint and lead dust. Pick up the paint chips you can see and throw them away in a plastic bag.

STEP THREE: Wet & Wipe Surfaces

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Always spray window sills with soap and water and wet-mop floors. Do not use a broom to sweep lead dust. Throw away wipes after cleaning each area.



STEP FOUR: Mop

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Mop with a disposable mop head or paper towel to wipe away suds.

STEP FIVE: Clean Often

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Change towels often until no paint chips, dust or dirt can be seen. Put garbage in a plastic bag, and seal with tape or a knot. The sealed bag can be disposed of with normal trash for pickup.

Repeat these steps weekly, or when dirt and dust appear on floors, porches, window wells, window sills, stairs or children's play areas.





HOW TO USE YOUR CLEANING KIT

Your cleaning kit contains the following items:

INCLUDED IN KIT

- 1 – Pair of disposable cleaning gloves
- 1 – 24oz of Simple Green all-purpose cleaner
- 1 – Spray bottle with measurements
- 1 – Roll of Scott Shop disposable towels (55 wipes per roll)
- 1 – Garbage bag

START

Refer to Steps **1** and **2** on “**A Homeowner and Renter’s Guide to Safe Cleaning of Lead Paint Chips and Dust**” flyer for detailed instructions on cleaning lead paint chips and dust in your home.

NEXT

Prepare the **cleaning solution** by adding 8oz of water first to the empty spray bottle. Then, add 1oz of all-purpose cleaner to the bottle and gently mix.

FOLLOW

For Steps **3** , **4** and **5** use disposable towels and **the newly diluted cleaning solution** to clean your floors and other surfaces.

REMEMBER

DO NOT reuse disposable towels or gloves. After cleaning each area, throw away towels in the garbage bag that is provided in this kit. Throw away gloves in the same garbage bag after cleaning is complete.

QUESTIONS

For questions about this cleaning kit, please call the **Detroit Health Department** at **(313) 876-4000**.