

# DOING REPAIRS OR PAINTING a PRE-1978 STRUCTURE?

***The EPA-RRP rule is a federal regulation that became law in 2010. Are you aware and in compliance?***

The use of lead in paint was outlawed in 1978. Homes and structures built before that date most likely have lead hazards. The Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning wants you to know that the **EPA Renovation Repair & Painting Rule (RRP)** requires that **anyone paid to perform work that disturbs paint in housing and child occupied facilities built before 1978** be trained and certified by the Environmental Protection Agency.

This includes resident rental property owners/managers, general contractors, maintenance personnel and trade contractors including: HVAC, painters, plumbers, carpenters, and electricians.

Failure to comply may result in stiff penalties.

## ***What do contractors need to do?***

To become RRP certified, you must first complete **NEW** coursework:

- Taken a Lead Safe Work Practices class at any point in the past? You need to take the **4 HOUR RENOVATOR REFRESHER COURSE**.
- **NEVER** taken a Lead Safe Work Practices class of any kind? You need to take the **8 HOUR RENOVATOR INITIAL COURSE**.
- After completing your course work, you must either register your business with EPA as a certified renovation firm or you must work for an EPA certified renovation firm:  
[www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf)

## ***How does this affect homeowners?***

Anyone disturbing a painted surface in a pre-1978 home must be RRP certified. For the health and safety of your family ask your contractor – “*Are you RRP certified?*” Ask to see proof of RRP certification before anyone begins renovation work in your home.



## **RRP CERTIFICATION CLASSES**

- **Cornell University—Industrial Labor Relations**  
1-866-850-5280 x109 (FREE classes)
- **Environmental Educational Associates**  
(585) 783-1465
- **Interstate Property Inspections** (585) 721-7770
- **Cornerstone Training Institute** (585) 319-3625
- **Complete course list available at**  
[www.letsmakeleadhistory.org](http://www.letsmakeleadhistory.org) (incl. **FREE** classes)

## **MORE INFORMATION**

- **Environmental Protection Agency**  
[www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm)
- **Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning**  
(585) 224-3125  
[www.letsmakeleadhistory.org](http://www.letsmakeleadhistory.org)
- **Monroe Co. Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**  
(585) 753-5087  
[www.monroecounty.gov/eh-leadpoisoning.php](http://www.monroecounty.gov/eh-leadpoisoning.php)
- **City of Rochester Lead Program** (585) 428-6520  
[www.cityofrochester.gov/lead/](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/lead/)
- **Better Contractors Bureau** (585) 338-3600  
[www.the-bcb.net/](http://www.the-bcb.net/)