New Renovation Rules for Georgia CONTRACTORS

Lead Safety During Renovation

GEORGIA CERTIFIED LEAD-BASED PAINT EPD RENOVATION FIRM

Qualify for a Decal

For Georgia Lead Renovation Firm and Renovator Certification Requirements Contact:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos Program
4244 International Parkway, Suite 104
Atlanta, Georgia 30354

(404) 363-7026
http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/index_land.html

Lead-Safety Shopping List

Currently Georgia regulations require contractors to provide a copy of the EPA *Renovate Right* pamphlet to owners and occupants prior to starting work in pre-1978 housing.

Contractors must also provide the EPA *Renovate Right* pamphlet to owners and operators of child-care facilities and schools built prior to 1978. Also provide information to parents and guardians of children age 6 years and under that attend the schools and child-care facilities built prior to 1978.

EPA *Renovate Right* Pamphlet

• *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools*

To learn more about the requirements and how to work lead safe, contact the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos Program at (404) 363-7026 or visit **http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/index_land.html**

Tools and Supplies

- Barriers and signs
- Tape
- Stapler
- Heavy plastic sheeting
- Utility knife or scissors
- Wet/dry sandpaper, sanding sponge
- Misting bottle, pump sprayer
- Chemical stripper
- Power tools with high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter-equipped vacuum attachments
- Low-temperature heat gun
- Heavy-duty plastic bags
- HEPA vacuum cleaner
- Paper towels or disposable wipes
- Mop and disposable mop heads
- General-purpose cleaner
- Buckets
- Shovel and rake

Personal Protective Equipment

- Eyewear
- Painters' hats
- Gloves
- Coveralls
- Disposable shoe covers
- N-100-rated disposable respirator

As a contractor, you play an important role in protecting public health by helping prevent lead exposure. Ordinary renovation and maintenance activities can create dust that contains lead—even small amounts of lead can harm children and adults.

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Beginning April 2010 contractors performing work that disturbs lead-based paint in homes, childcare facilities, and schools built before 1978 must:

- Take 8-hour Initial Renovator training course
- Be Georgia certified. Certification is valid for 3 years.
- Work for a Georgia Certified Renovation Firm when conducting renovation activities
- Provide training for workers including the work practices that will be used for each project
- Follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

Adopt the following simple practices and you can work safely with lead. To learn more about how you can meet these requirements, contact the **Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Lead-Based Paint and Asbestos Program at (404) 363-7026 or http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/index_land.html.**

Talk to the Residents

When working in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 you must provide the ***Renovate Right*** **pamphlet** to residents, or the facility operator before the job begins. You must also provide information to families whose children attend the childcare facility or school.

Explain the steps you will take to protect residents from lead:

- Set up work areas that will not expose residents.
- Minimize the dust.
- Leave the work area clean.

Set Up Safe Work Areas

Select Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment

- Review the lead-safety shopping list contained in this pamphlet to determine what items you need to safely perform the work.
- Ensure your workers have appropriate eyewear, clothing, and respiratory protection for the job.
- Do not allow any eating, drinking, or smoking in the work area.

The Work Area Must Be Contained So That No Dust Or Debris Leaves the Work Area.

What To Do Inside:

Use signs to keep residents and pets out of the work area.

- Remove furniture and belongings, or cover them securely with heavy plastic sheeting by taping & sealing all edges.
- Use heavy plastic sheeting to cover floors and other fixed surfaces like large appliances in the work area. Tape and seal edges.
- When appropriate, use heavy plastic sheeting to separate the work area from the rest of the residence.
- Close and seal vents in the work area and, if necessary, turn off forced-air heating and air conditioning systems.
- Seal all windows and doors in the work area.

What To Do Outside:

- Mark off the work area to keep non-workers away.
- Cover the ground and plants with heavy plastic sheeting.
- Close windows and doors near the work area.
- Move or cover play areas near the work area.

Minimize the Dust

You Must Use Work Practices That Minimize Dust:

- Mist areas before sanding, scraping, drilling, and cutting.
- Score paint before separating components.
- Pry and pull apart components instead of pounding and hammering.
- Always use a shroud or hood attachment with the HEPA vacuum when using power tools and equipment.

Do <u>Not</u> Use These Dangerous Practices When Working With Lead-Based Paint:

- Open flame burning or torching.
- Sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools unless equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment.
- Using a heat gun at temperatures greater than 1100°F.

Leave the Work Area Clean

On a Daily Basis You Must:

- Put trash and debris in heavy-duty plastic bags.
- Wrap waste building components, such as windows and doors, in heavy plastic sheeting and tape shut.
- Ensure everything, including tools, equipment, and even workers, are free of dust and debris before leaving the work area.
- HEPA vacuum the work area from floor to ceiling
- Wash up and change out of work clothes before you and your workers go home. Remember, you do not want to bring lead-based paint dust home and expose your family.
- Remind residents to stay out of the work area until you release it.

When the Job Is Complete, You Must Also:

- Remove the plastic sheeting carefully, mist with water, fold dirty side in, tape shut, and dispose of it.
- HEPA vacuum all surfaces, including walls.
- Wash the work area with a general purpose cleaner.
- Check your work carefully for lead dust because hazardous amounts may be minute and not easily visible. If you see any dust or debris, then re-clean the area.
- Perform a final clean-up check. Use disposable cleaning cloths to wipe the floor of the work area and compare them to a cleaning verification card to determine if the work area was adequately cleaned.
- The cleaning verification card and detailed instructions will be given at the conclusion of the one-day Renovator training course.

Maintain Your Records.

These Simple Practices Ensure That Your Jobs Are Better, Cleaner, And Safer. Your Customers Will Notice The Difference.