

Preparation Document for Lead Safe Visual/Dust Wipe Periodic Inspection(s)

Below are recommended steps to prepare for a Lead Safe visual/dust wipe periodic inspections. If all of these steps are followed appropriately, then you have now taken the very important steps to making your home "Lead Safe" as defined by the State of NJ.

Visual Inspection:

- Remove all clutter (Clutter rooms will fail the Lead Safe inspection)
- Clean the interior of the home or unit
- Fix/repair all Damaged wall and ceiling defects.

It is recommended that the owner perform his own visual assessment of the interior of the property prior to the periodic inspection. The goal of the owner's assessment is to identify any deteriorated paint or other finishes on floor, walls and ceilings. Deteriorated paint or other coating is defined by H.U.D as "Peeling, chipping, chalking or cracking to any interior/exterior surface or fixture...". Nail holes and hairline cracks to interior finishes are not considered deterioration. In order to get a Lead safe certificate through a Visual Inspection all interior finishes must be intact and free of deterioration.

Visual Inspection with Dust Wipes Sampling :

Once the home is in satisfactory condition for a visual inspection a cleaning process is recommended prior to dust wipe sampling :

- **Cleaning with a Vacuum:** It is recommended that all horizontal surfaces are cleaned with a vacuum cleaner equipped with a HEPA Filter (High Efficiency Particulate Air Filter). These special filters are designed to have a minimum filtration efficiency of 99.99% against airborne particles. Therefore, HEPA Filters are great for picking up fine lead dust particles. To start the cleaning process it is best to start at the highest horizontal surfaces in a room and work your way down to the floor. Once you reach the floor it is recommended to vacuum in one direction, then vacuum again in a cross direction to ensure the maximum number of particles have been removed. Be sure to clean areas where dust tends to become trapped such as window sills/troths, radiators and ceiling fans. DO NOT, open or change HEPA Filters or bags inside of the dwelling.
- **Cleaning with Disposable Wipes:** Once a thorough cleaning is completed with a vacuum it is time to clean with disposable wipes. We recommend all horizontal areas and floors are cleaned with disposable wipes. Additionally, 2 wipes should be used per surface to be cleaned to ensure all particles are removed. When cleaning with a wipe, wipe in one direction, DO NOT wipe back and forth. It is recommended to wipe from one side to the other, allow the surface to dry, and then repeat this process again.



www.rootshomeinspection.com
(t) (908) 769-0028 (c) 908 917-5771
Bill@rootsinspectionsservices.com