

# EPA's Lead Safe Practices

## Helpful Information For Contractors

**Renovate Right** is available to you at no charge from your local PPG Porter Paints or PPG Pittsburgh Paints location or on the EPA website

Visit  
[www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm)

Contractors are required to be lead-certified by EPA by April 2010.  
Are you?

*As of September 22, 2009, EPA has 58 accredited training providers*

Ask at your local PPG Porter Paints or PPG Pittsburgh Paints location for assistance.



## Overview

Contractors who perform renovation, repairs, and painting jobs in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities must, before beginning work, provide owners, tenants, and child-care facilities with a copy of EPA's lead hazard information pamphlet Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools.

*Contractors must document compliance with this requirement.*

After April 22, 2010, federal law will require you to be certified and to use lead-safe work practices. To become certified, renovation contractors must submit an application for firm certification and fee payment to EPA. EPA will begin processing applications on October 22, 2009. The Agency has up to 90 days after receiving a complete request for certification to approve or disapprove the application.

## Resources

- Renovate Right: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf)
- Pre-renovation Disclosure Form: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/pre-renovationform.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/pre-renovationform.pdf)
- Application for certification: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/firmapp.pdf)
- How contractors can comply with EPA's rule: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf)
- List of EPA authorized training providers: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/trainingproviders.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/trainingproviders.htm)
- Sample recordkeeping checklist: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/samplechecklist.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/samplechecklist.pdf)

*EPA advises contractors who perform renovation, repairs, and painting jobs should also:*

- Take training to learn how to perform lead-safe work practices.
- Provide a copy of your EPA or state lead training certificate to your client.
- Tell your client what lead-safe methods you will use to perform the job.
- Learn the lead laws that apply to you regarding certification and lead-safe work practices beginning in April 2010.
- Ask your client to share the results of any previously conducted lead tests.
- Provide your client with references from at least three recent jobs involving homes built before 1978.