



WHAT IS A LEAD-BASED PAINT ASSESSMENT?

A **lead-based paint (LBP) assessment** is one part of the Homeowner Assistance program process for homeowners who are repairing their stick-built homes constructed prior to 1978 and have not had major renovation or lead-based paint mitigation performed previously. The program will schedule a lead-based paint assessor to come to your home to inspect and test your paint, take samples of the soil outside and sample the dust on floors and windowsills inside.



WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A LEAD-BASED PAINT (LBP) ASSESSMENT?

A lead-based paint assessment is required for homes constructed before 1978. If your home is selected for a lead-based paint assessment, it is due to the age of your home or the location of your home and the proximity to older structures or roads based on satellite imagery. Once the homeowner's application is completed and submitted, the program will contact the homeowner within 4 - 6 weeks to schedule an onsite assessment. At least one homeowner must be present for this inspection.

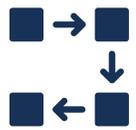


WHY IS A LEAD-BASED PAINT ASSESSMENT IMPORTANT?

Lead is a highly toxic metal that may cause a range of health problems, especially in children.

Both inside and outside the home, deteriorated lead-paint mixes with household dust and soil and becomes tracked in. The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires lead-based paint assessments in repaired Restore Louisiana homes to safely mitigate the negative effects of lead-based paint hazards and ensure the future safety of the occupants.

For more information about the hazards associated with lead-based paint, please visit the Department of Housing and Urban Development's webpage at hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes/healthyhomes/lead or the Environmental Protection Agency's webpage at epa.gov/lead/learn-about-lead.



WHAT HAPPENS DURING A LEAD-BASED PAINT ASSESSMENT?

A Restore Louisiana assigned lead-based paint assessor will come to your home to inspect and test your paint, take samples of the soil outside and sample the dust on floors and windowsills inside. The assessor will need to inspect both the interior and the exterior of the home. Dust and soil samples are sent to a laboratory for analysis; and within 2 - 3 weeks, a report is generated.

If lead-based paint is detected, the program will determine what steps are necessary to remove any potential hazard. The treatment options available to you are dependent on the location and quantity of the lead-based paint and will be detailed in your Estimated Cost of Repair (ECR) as a line item in the detailed Scope of Work (SOW) provided as part of your grant award.

Prior to processing the final project payment, a lead-based paint clearance examination must be conducted on the home, along with a successfully completed final inspection.

For more information on the requirements of a lead-based paint assessment, you can visit the Program Policy Manual at Restore.La.Gov.

