

IF YOUR HOME WAS BUILT BEFORE 1978, IT COULD CONTAIN LEAD-BASED PAINT

According to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), **24 million homes** in the United States have peeling or chipping lead-based paint or high levels of lead dust.

The older your home, the greater the chances of having a lead-based paint hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Small children are most at risk from the dangers of lead-based paint.

Lead dust can cause problems, especially for young children and babies. It can stick to children's hands and toys and can be brought into the home from porches and soil from around the home. Lead dust is hard to see and is most commonly found on windowsills and floor surfaces.

Exposure to lead can have serious health effect to children such as

- Behavioral problems
- Damage to the body's vital organs
- Learning deficiencies
- Difficulty with speech and language

6 Ways to Stay Lead Safe

1. Get your home checked for lead hazards.
2. Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers and toys often
3. NEVER let children play near or eat peeling paint chips
4. Keep your home clean and dust-free. Wipe with a wet sponge around painted areas where friction can generate dust, such as doors, windows, and drawers
5. For home repairs only hire Lead Certified contractors
6. Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C.



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LEAD-BASED PAINT CAN BE FOUND IN

Windows and doors



Porches and railing



Siding and trim



THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA WANTS TO MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE SAFE FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF LEAD.

Whether you are a homeowner, rental property owner or tenant, it is important that your home is lead-safe. Participation in the Lead Hazard Abatement Program can make your home lead-safe, family-friendly and improve the value of your property.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- The residential unit must be located within the city limits of Tuscaloosa
- The unit must have been built prior to 1978
- Income requirements
- A child under the age of 6 must reside or spend a significant amount of time in the unit *or* a pregnant woman resides in the unit
- Rental units do not require a qualifying child occupant at the time of assistance.
- Vacant Rental units are eligible

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Homeowners and rental property owners within the Tuscaloosa city limits may qualify for grants to fund improvements.

Potential items that qualify

- New windows
- Aluminum trim
- New doors
- Vinyl siding
- Fresh Paint

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income	
	Renters	Owners
1 person	\$23,750	\$38,000
2 people	\$27,150	\$43,400
3 people	\$30,550	\$48,850
4 people	\$33,900	\$54,250
5 people	\$36,650	\$58,600
6 people	\$39,150	\$62,950
7 people	\$42,050	\$67,300
8 people	\$44,750	\$71,650

Income limits are current as of Sept. 15, 2020 and are subject to change.