

# HOMEOWNER AND TENANT GUIDE

## SAFE CLEANING OF LEAD PAINT CHIPS AND DUST

### STEP ONE: Prepare Supplies

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**Prepare.** Gather rubber gloves, throw-away wipes or towels, garbage bags, spray bottle with soap and water, and mop.

**Put on rubber gloves.**

If you do not have rubber (or disposable) gloves, you will need to wash your hands well after cleaning.

**Use supplies you can throw away.** Use soapy cleaners or products made to remove lead dust.

**Don't use a vacuum unless it is a HEPA vacuum.** A regular vacuum will spread lead dust into the air. Some health departments have HEPA vacuums available to borrow.



### STEP TWO: Remove Paint Chips

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**Remove paint chips.**

Window areas and porches often have peeling paint and lead dust. Pick up the paint chips you can see and throw them away in a plastic bag.



### STEP THREE: Wet & Wipe Surfaces

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**Always spray window sills with soap and water and wet-mop floors.** Do not use a broom to sweep lead dust. Throw away wipes after cleaning each area.



### STEP FOUR: Mop

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**Mop** with a disposable mop head or paper towel to wipe away suds.



### STEP FIVE: Clean Often

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**Change towels often** until no paint chips, dust or dirt can be seen. Put garbage in a plastic bag, and seal with tape or a knot. The sealed bag can be disposed of with normal trash for pickup.

**Repeat these steps weekly**, or when dirt and dust appear on floors, porches, window wells, window sills, stairs or children's play areas.



For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/lead](http://www.michigan.gov/lead) or call the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 517-335-8885.