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LEAD-BASED PAINT PROCEDURES

Many of WARM's homes were built prior to 1978 (the year lead-based paint was outlawed) and may contain lead-based paint. WARM is exempt from legislation requiring paid contractors to follow certain guidelines when disturbing surfaces painted with lead-based paint. However, safety is our primary concern. Therefore, WARM has established the following procedures to protect our homeowners and volunteers from exposure to lead-based paint hazards.

- 1. Identification.** As part of the assessment process for homes in need of work that will require paint disturbance (such as scraping, window replacement, and demolition), homeowner will provide documentation of the year the home was built.
 - a. If documentation shows the home was constructed after 1978, no action will be taken.
 - b. If documentation shows the home was constructed prior to 1978 or no documentation is presented, WARM personnel will test the paint to determine if lead is present. If lead is present, the following procedures will be adhered to by WARM personnel.
- 2. Personal Protection.** All volunteers engaging in activities that will require paint disturbance will be asked to wear the following protective gear:
 - a. N95 or N100 dust mask, provided by WARM
 - b. Disposable latex/rubber gloves, provided by WARM
 - c. Safety goggles or glasses,
 - d. Hat, preferably with a brim
- 3. Environmental Protection.** WARM personnel will ensure the following tasks are completed in area of paint disturbance.
 - a. Prior to beginning work, a plastic sheeting will be laid beneath work area and 6 feet in all directions from location of paint disturbance.
 - b. Painted surface to be disturbed will be misted with water to reduce dust.
 - c. If area is inside the home, close doors to adjoining rooms to contain dust and close vents.
 - d. If area is outside the home, cover plants and close windows. Avoid working in high winds.
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 - e. After work is complete, plastic sheeting will be rolled up and taped with paint chips inside.
 - f. Wipe down surfaces with a wet, disposable rag to collect dust.
 - g. Sheeting with paint chips, rags used for wipe down, and used protective gear will be disposed of as required by local municipality.
- 4. Other Precautions.**
 - a. Keep food and beverages out of area. Before eating or drinking, leave work area, take off protective gear, and wash hands and face.
 - b. Remove furniture from work area or cover with plastic sheeting.
 - c. Wipe shoes with rag on plastic sheeting before leaving work area.
 - d. Clean tools at the end of each day.