Dear neighbor:

One of Rochester's greatest achievements is our national leadership on the progress of healthy housing in America's cities.

Thanks to our partnership with the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning, the City adopted the landmark Lead Paint Safety Ordinance in 2005, making us the first city in the nation to include lead-paint tests in our regular housing inspection cycle to renew Certificates of Occupancy. The result has been a 98 percent reduction in the number of children with toxic lead levels in their blood.

In 2018, the National League of Cities cited Rochester as the "gold standard" and "national exemplar" for healthy housing policies.

Thousands of city children may have been spared from the consequences of lead poisoning, including impaired physical performance, attention problems and aggressive or even violent behavior.

We now know the City's lead law is working. Lead hazards are being identified and resources are targeted where they are needed most.

Nevertheless, lead paint is likely to exist in any home built before 1978. That's why we must remain vigilant in our efforts to protect our children from lead poisoning.

You can learn about the ways to prevent lead poisoning and the resources available in our community by using the contacts listed on this brochure. Apply today for the City's Lead Hazard Control Program, which uses federal and City dollars to help make your property lead-safe.

Malik D. Evans
Mayor



Get information on lead poisoning, its effects and ways to test and fix lead paint in your home:

Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning www.theleadcoalition.org

City of Rochester www.cityofrochester.gov/leadpaint





Each year, hundreds of children are harmed by lead-based paint hazards in Monroe County. **Make your property safe.**

Addressing lead is urgent.

Children who ingest lead-based paint dust, paint chips or lead-contaminated soil can suffer serious health problems. When lead-based paint deteriorates, it poses a serious health hazard to children in the home. Renovations can disturb old painted surfaces, releasing lead dust that can poison people.

You can prevent lead poisoning.

The City's Lead Hazard Control Program will provide most of the resources you need for detecting lead hazards and finding solutions. In some cases, it's just a matter of having a lead-certified contractor repaint, repair, clean and/or landscape problem areas. Or, we'll fund other necessary repairs, such as replacement windows.

Either way, you improve the safety and the value of your home.

Who is eligible for the program?

If your house was built before 1978, you may be eligible for assistance in testing and cleaning up lead hazards.
Services are provided by experienced workers who are trained and equipped to reduce lead hazards. Families with children

under the age of 6 or who have children with elevated blood lead levels are eligible if their incomes do not exceed those listed in the accompanying chart. Property owner cannot be subject to City or County tax foreclosure or mortgage foreclosure.

How the Program Works.

You fill out an application. After eligibility approval, we schedule a risk assessment of your home where we identify lead hazards and how they can be addressed. We will help you

find the certified contractors to remediate the lead hazard. After the work is done, we test your home to make sure it meets safety standards.

What is provided?

Assistance is available without repayment for owners who occupy the home for at least five years for window, entry door and porch repair or replacement, paint stabilization, bare soil treatment and general rehabilitation.



Getting started is easy

If you have questions regarding our programs, or would like to apply, please contact your local Neighborhood Service Center (NCS). We accept applications for all City housing rehabilitation programs on a first-come first-serve basis until program funds are spent.

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400 Dewey Ave.	923 Genesee St.
Rochester, NY 14613	Rochester, NY 14611
(585) 428-7620	(585) 428-7630
Northeast NSC	Southeast NSC
500 Norton Ave.	320 N. Goodman St.
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