

Lead Abatement in East Phillips

During the next three years, the City of Minneapolis will work to reduce lead paint hazards in East Phillips. Exposure to lead and lead poisoning can cause serious, permanent health and learning problems in children. The City's goal is to eliminate lead poisoning in Minneapolis children by 2010. Please contact us if you would like to apply to have your East Phillips home considered for the program.

What kind of housing is eligible?

Homes with a child under the age of six will take priority

- Rental and owner-occupied units
- Properties with occupant family income less than 80 percent of median income
- Residential dwelling units built before 1978

What will happen?

- Removing lead hazards from 300 dwelling units.
- Replacing lead-contaminated windows with modern, energy-efficient windows.
- Stabilizing or covering lead paint on older houses.
- Stabilizing and covering yards containing lead using low-maintenance landscaping.
- Giving full lead inspections for homes and apartments being treated.
- Helping families throughout the neighborhood understand how to protect their children's health from lead poisoning.
- Offering local contractors the opportunity to perform the work according to lead-safe work practices.

The City of Minneapolis is leading the efforts of many partners to support neighborhood health, improve indoor environments, increase energy efficiency and environmental quality and enhance residential property. Community-based organizations will have the opportunity to be involved in outreach.

Project Partners

- East Phillips Improvement Coalition
- The Green Institute
- Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota

- Groundwork Minneapolis
- Hennepin County
- State of Minnesota Department of Health
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Minneapolis Weed and Seed

The program works

As of 2004, HUD programs administered by the City have reduced or eliminated lead hazards in more than 1600 units of low-income housing within Minneapolis and delivered thousands of educational messages to residents. The result has been a significant reduction in numbers of children with blood lead levels in Minneapolis—that's more than a 60 percent decrease in the last five years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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AREA OF PROJECT: East Phillips neighborhood plus selected areas in Midtown Phillips and Ventura Village



