

**Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (RRP)**  
**Summary of Guidelines for Contractors**  
**Effective April 22, 2010**

**NOTE:** This document is not intended to serve as a comprehensive overview of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program (RRP). For more detailed information on the requirements of this program please refer to the *Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right EPA's Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program* booklet or call the EPA's Small Business Ombudsman at 202-566-2075, or contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-5323, or visit the following web link: <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>.

**Note: Contractors include but are not limited to: Painters, Plumbers, Carpenters, Remodelers, Maintenance Personnel, Electricians, Heating and Cooling Technicians, Residential Property Owners and Managers, General Contractors, and others getting paid to do work that disturbs painted surfaces in pre-1978 homes, apartment buildings, or child-occupied facilities.**

The **only exclusions** to the RRP Rule are:

- Homes built **after or in** 1978.
- Housing for elderly or disabled persons, **unless a child under 6 resides there or is expected to reside there. (Note: Housing needs special designation that it is for elderly or disabled persons only; self designation by property owners is not allowed.)**
- Zero-bedroom dwellings (examples include studio apartments & dormitories).
- Areas or housing that have been declared as being lead-free by a certified lead inspector or risk assessor.
- **Minor repair and maintenance activities that disturb 6 square feet or less of paint of a room inside or 20 square feet or less of the exterior of a property. NOTE: Window repairs or replacements, projects involving demolition, or prohibited practices are NOT excluded from the RRP rule.**

For more clarification on these exclusions please see page 2 of the *Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right EPA's Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program* booklet.

***Pre-renovation education requirements that are in effect now:***

- Distribute: *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools*. (To order copies of this booklet or to print off copies from the web please call 1-800-424-5323 (LEAD) or go online to: [www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/brochure.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/brochure.htm). **The pamphlet can be photocopied for distribution as long as the text and graphics are legible).**
- Fill out the pre-renovation form (old version can be used until April 2010); make sure that recipient signs off that they received the *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard*

*Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools* pamphlet. Retain the pre-renovation forms for **Three Years** for your records. (For a copy of the form please see page 23 of the *Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right EPA's Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program* booklet).

- For work to be conducted in common areas of multi-housing or child-occupied facilities it is required that renovation notices are given to tenants or parents of children visiting the building. **Or** informational signs are required to be posted describing the renovation or repair.
  - Warning signs **must:**
    - Be posted in locations where they will be seen.
    - Describe the work to be done, the location of the work, and the dates that the work will be completed during.
    - In addition to the posting of signs the *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools* pamphlet needs to be distributed.
- These pre-renovation education requirements **DO NOT NEED** to be met in the case of **emergency renovations**. **Emergency renovations** are considered those renovations that need to be done in response to a child with an elevated blood lead level. For more information please refer to page 7 in the *Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right EPA's Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program* booklet.

***Training, certification, and work practice requirements for contractors effective April 22, 2010:***

- Firms doing work must be certified (all individuals that engage in work that will disturb painted surfaces on behalf of a firm, need to be either **certified renovators or have been trained by a certified renovator**). **NOTE: a certified renovator needs to be assigned to and carry-out out all of the certified renovator activities.**
- Renovators must be trained in lead-safe work practices including containing dust/debris to a work area, not using open-flame burning practices, and using power tools **with** HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) exhaust controls must be followed. Note: A filter is considered to be HEPA certified when it is individually tested by the manufacturer and has a tested efficiency greater than 99.97% at 0.3 microns.
- Verification procedures are required in the clean up process (for more information please refer to page 13 in the *Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate Right EPA's Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program* booklet).

Sample forms to be used in the renovation process are located on pages 25-29 of the below cited pamphlet.

\*Information on this document was taken from:

United States Protection Agency. (December, 2008). *Small Entity Compliance Guide to Renovate right: EPA's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program*. United States Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.