LEAD
PROTECTION PROGRAM

How to keep you and your family safe from lead poisoning:

- Ask your doctor to screen your children for lead
- Keep the area where your children play as dust-free and clean as possible
- Take off your shoes when you enter the house
- Clean your floors with a damp mop weekly to control dust
- Vacuum carpets and upholstery with Hepa vacuums weekly
- Make sure your children don't chew on lead-based painted services
- Frequently wash your children's hands and toys
- Make sure you use cold water if you are using it for the tap for drinking or cooking
- Make your friends and family aware of the risks of lead exposure

RESOURCES FOR HOMEOWNERS

The State of Indiana's Lead Protection Program offers lead testing and hazard control services to qualifying homes. This program is designed to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards to ensure Hoosier households are protected from lead.

You may qualify if:

- You have a child under the age of 6 living in the home
- You have a pregnant female living in the home
- You have bare soil in the yard
- You own or rent your home

Signs you may have lead in your home include:

- You have walls, furniture or window sills in your home with chipping or peeling paint that was built or created before 1978
- You have children who play in dirt near your home
- You have recently had renovations done to your home
- Your drinking water comes from lead pipes
- Your child plays with toys made outside of the United States
- Your neighbors' children or child's playmates have had a high lead blood test
- You store food in pottery containers
- You or someone you live with work where lead is used (e.g. construction, painting, iron work, automotive repair, etc.)

If you have answered 'yes' to any of these statements you and your family may be at risk of lead paint poisoning.

Click here to download the application for more information.