Maine CDC Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Home Lead Dust Testing Results Communication

This document contains sample documents used in the communication of home lead dust test results to families participating in the program.

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	pages)	the three wipes is a moderate level
4.	Moderate Results Report for a Tenant (2 pages)	but none are of a high level.
5.	Low Results Report for a Homeowner (2 pages)	Sent when all results are of a low
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7.	Landlord Cover Letter	Sent to landlord when tenant
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		information for a landlord.
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		sent to landlords if complete
		mailing information is provided.
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Home Lead Dust Test Results Report

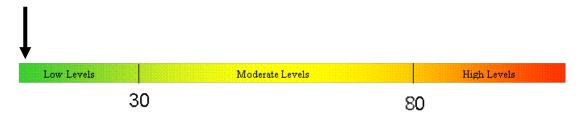
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- You need to take immediate action to reduce the risk of your child becoming lead poisoned.
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What should I do next?

- Parents can be very effective at keeping children safe from lead.
- If you have not talked to anyone from the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, call to discuss your results and make a plan to address the lead dust in your home.
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- Use the tipsheets included with your results to help you address the lead dust in your home.
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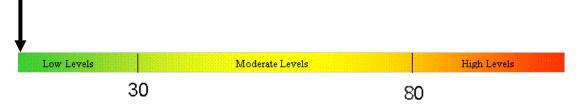
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What should I do next?

- Parents can be very effective at keeping children safe from lead.
- Call us to discuss your results and make a plan to take care of the lead dust in your home. Or use the information in this packet and on our website to clean up and address lead dust.
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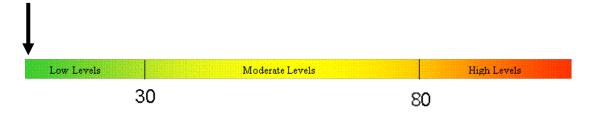
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If my results are low, how could there be lead dust in other places or at other times?

- **Cleaning**—Did you do the test soon after cleaning? If you did, you may have cleaned up lead dust that was there.
- **Opening windows**—Did you do your test during colder weather? Opening and closing windows that have lead paint on them can create lead dust. You could have more lead dust in warmer weather when you open and shut windows more often.
- **Sanding or scraping**—Are you going to do any painting or repairs? If you sand or scrape painted surfaces that have old lead paint you can create a lot of lead dust.
- Water damage—Water can damage paint on walls and windows. Cracked, chipped, peeling, or flaking paint can create lead dust.
- Soil from outside—You can bring lead dust into your home on your shoes from bare soil with lead in it.

Do I need to do anything if the results are low?

- Clean floors and painted surfaces regularly with damp cloths and mops. Cleaning is the best way to remove lead dust.
- Keep paint in good condition. Cracked, chipped, peeling, or flaking paint can create lead dust.
- Learn how to do home repair and painting projects and clean up after them to minimize lead dust.
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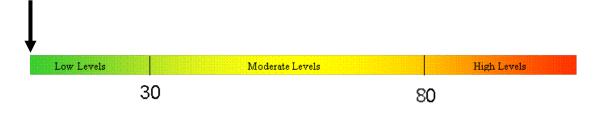
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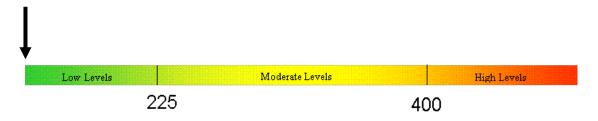
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- Clean floors and painted surfaces regularly with damp cloths and mops.
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Re: Lead Dust Test Results

Dear Property Owner,

Your tenant participated in a home lead dust testing program offered by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This program helps parents, homeowners and landlords find out if there is lead dust in their homes or buildings.

We have enclosed a report of the results for your property and some additional information to help you understand the results.

If you have any questions about the results or the enclosed information, please give us a call at 207-287-5668.

Sincerely,

Tina Bernier

Environmental Coordinator

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Maine Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Lead Dust Test Results

Information for Property Owners and Managers





Your tenant has done a lead dust test. What does this mean?

Your tenant participated in the lead dust testing program offered by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This program helps parents, homeowners and landlords find out if there is lead dust in their homes or buildings. Lead dust is the most common cause of lead poisoning in Maine children. Lead dust comes from lead paint found in older homes and apartment buildings.

Look at the report that shows the test results. Then use this tipsheet and the other information provided to figure out what to do to **protect your tenants and protect your investment.**

What You Need To Do

If the results show that there is **no or a low** level of lead dust, you still need to:

- Maintain the paint in your units. Paint in good condition can turn into a lead hazard with time, wear and tear and repairs.
- Indicate that your building has been tested on the lead paint disclosure forms when entering into a rental agreement.

If the results show that there is a moderate or unsafe level of lead dust, you need to:

- Address the source of the dust and practice leadsafe maintenance. Your tenants need to learn lead-safe ways to clean. Proper cleaning and maintenance are the best ways to prevent lead poisoning.
- Consider having a professional do another test to confirm the results.
- Indicate that your building has been tested on the lead paint disclosure forms when entering into a rental agreement.
- Let prospective tenants see the test results. It's a good idea to share how you have cleaned up the lead dust with prospective tenants.

Cleaning Up Lead Dust

If testing shows that there is lead dust in one of your properties your tenants should clean up lead dust inside their units. You need to be sure you thoroughly clean up lead dust in common areas such as stairwells, porches and hallways, using wet cleaning methods. Use these same wet cleaning methods once a week.

Maintenance and Repairs

Before you begin any maintenance or repairs in your units, make sure you will not create lead dust by disturbing lead paint. Until you are sure that your repairs will not create lead dust, follow these guidelines:

- Do not dry sand or dry scrape paint.
- Repair damaged areas that are less than two square feet by covering with paint or contact paper. This is a short-term solution.
- When the property is occupied, limit the amount of paint that is disturbed.
- Wait to do other repairs until the unit is empty.

If you need to renovate, repair or paint in your pre-1978 rental property, you must hire an RRP certified contractor or get certified yourself.

Protect your tenants. Protect your investment.

- Check this website: maine.gov/healthyhomes
- Call for advice: 207-287-5668 TTY: Call Maine Relay 711



Lead Dust Test Results

Information for Renters





You have done a lead dust test in your home. Now what?

Knowing if you have lead dust in your home is the first step to protecting your family from lead poisoning.

Look at the report you received that shows your test results. Then use this tipsheet to figure out how to work with your landlord or property manager to protect your family.

Low Results: What You Need to Do

If the results show that there is no or a low level of lead dust, and you live in a building that was built before 1978 you need to:

- Take care of your apartment and monitor the condition of the paint. Lead paint in good condition can turn into a lead hazard.
- Tell your landlord or property manager if you find areas of worn or chipped paint on doors, windows, stairways or painted floors.
- Talk to your landlord or property manager about your results and give them the sheet called "Lead Dust Test Results: Information for Property Owners and Managers." Your landlord can call 287-5668 with questions.

Moderate or High Results: What You Need to Do

If the results show that there is a moderate or unsafe level of lead dust, you need to:

- Clean your apartment thoroughly using wet cleaning methods. Use wet cleaning methods once a week to clean up the lead dust.
- Do not dry sand or dry scrape paint. This can create more lead dust.
- Talk to your landlord or property manager about your results and give them the sheet called "Lead Dust Test Results: Information for Property Owners and Managers."
- Walk through your home with your landlord or property manager to inspect doors, windows, floors and stairways. Look for peeling, chipping, flaking or chalking paint because they may be a source of lead dust.

- Cooperate with your landlord or property manager if they want to have a lead expert do more testing. An expert can identify the source of the lead dust in your home.
- Take care of your apartment and monitor the condition of the paint. Lead paint in good condition can turn into a lead hazard.
- If the property manager is going to do maintenance, make sure your belongings are covered and away from the work area. Your property manager must notify you if they are going to do work in your apartment. People working on homes built before 1978 must be certified in lead-safe work practices.

If you need help: Contact the attorney general's office to learn about renters' rights: www.maine.gov/ag.

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For help reading or understanding the information in this letter, please call 207-287-5668 and we will provide a free interpreter. (*English*)

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Para ayudarle a leer ó entender la información de esta carta, por favor llame al 207-287-5668 y nosotros le proveeremos de un intérprete en forma gratuita. (*Spanish*)

Pour obtenir de l'aide à lire ou comprendre l'information contenue dans cette lettre, prière appeler 207-287-5668 et nous vous fournirons gratuitement les services d'un interprète. (French)

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