



OMAHA LEAD SITE

Exterior Lead-Based Paint Stabilization Program



The City of Omaha Planning Department will perform stabilization of deteriorated Lead-based paint at properties in eastern Omaha where a soil cleanup has been, or will be performed. Stabilization helps prevent loose, flaking Lead-based paint on the outside of homes from falling to the ground and raising Lead concentrations to unsafe levels in the soil. Children can inadvertently swallow paint chips or Lead contaminated soil causing Lead-poisoning, which can result in irreversible adverse health effects. The purpose of the Lead-based paint stabilization program is to assure that soil Lead levels remain protective following the soil cleanup.

Which homes are eligible for Lead-based paint stabilization?

An exterior paint assessment must be performed to determine which properties are eligible for Lead-based paint stabilization. Eligibility is based on the extent of any loose, flaking Lead-based paint on exterior surfaces of houses, garages, or other structures on the property. Exterior paint assessments and stabilization will only be offered at properties which have previously qualified for soil cleanup based on results of soil Lead testing. The paint assessment determines the Lead content and condition of each type of paint on exterior surfaces on all structures. The paint assessment is performed entirely outdoors using a hand-held instrument which does not harm painted surfaces. If an excessive amount of loose, flaking Lead-based paint is found on exterior surfaces of any structure, stabilization of painted surfaces will be offered to property owners for all structures on the property where Lead-based paint is present.

What work will be performed?

Stabilization of exterior surfaces involves surface preparation, priming, and repainting of previously painted surfaces using Lead-safe work practices. Painting contractors will attempt to match existing colors, unless other arrangements are made prior to beginning work that do not increase cost or complexity. Lead-safe work practices include covering the ground with plastic, controlling generation of dust through wet scraping and other techniques, collection and disposal of paint chips removed during surface preparation, and performing a thorough cleanup of the work area. Stabilization offered by the City of Omaha does not include weatherization (caulking) or repair of deteriorated siding, trim boards, soffits, or other house components. Windows and doors are not included, although window and door trim will be stabilized.

Who will perform the work?

Exterior paint stabilization will be performed at eligible properties by qualified contractors employed by the City of Omaha Lead Based Paint Stabilization Program. All contractors must be EPA certified with Renovate Repair Paint (RRP) Training. Both the exterior paint assessment and any Lead-based paint stabilization that is offered are strictly voluntary and will be performed at **NO COST** to homeowners or residents. Individuals or companies interested in employment or business opportunities associated with these programs should contact the City of Omaha Lead Information office (LIO) at the number listed.

The Lead-based paint stabilization program will be ongoing over the next several years. Interested owners must grant access for the paint assessment. Access agreements are available by mail or by calling the City of Omaha LIO - telephone number listed below. An exterior paint assessment will be scheduled upon receipt of a completed and signed access agreement. Paint assessments will be performed during the 2016 construction season or as received in sub-sequent years. Lead-based paint stabilization will be scheduled based on the results of the paint assessment. Owners of eligible properties will be directly contacted by the contractor to arrange for the work to proceed.

Contact Information

Exterior paint assessments and Lead-based paint stabilization are only available at properties where a soil cleanup has been, or will be performed. Only a portion of the homes that are evaluated by City will qualify for paint stabilization work under this program. If you have problems or concerns regarding lead-based paint or other contaminants that cannot be addressed by this project, you may contact the City of Omaha - LIO at the number listed below for information about other programs that may be able to provide assistance. You can contact the City of Omaha Lead Information Office (LIO) listed for Lead Soil or Paint results.



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