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## Re: Lead safety resources for landlords

Dear property owner,

As a landlord or property manager, you have many responsibilities to ensure safe and healthy living spaces for your tenants. Lead is an invisible toxin found in paint and plumbing that can hurt people, especially children and pregnant people. The City of Portland, Multnomah County, and the State of Oregon are here to help you keep your tenants safe from lead.

As a landlord in Portland, the following programs that help reduce lead hazards in homes are available to you. Find more information about each program at the websites provided.

### Lead-based paint evaluation and remediation

The Portland Housing Bureau has a grant program that covers the cost of remediating (removing) lead-based paint hazards in housing built before 1978. The grant provides eligible homeowners and property owners with an opportunity to improve health and safety for occupants and increase property value. Common repairs include interior and exterior paint and wood window replacement. Check the website for income eligibility requirements and application information: [portland.gov/phb/lead-grant](http://portland.gov/phb/lead-grant).

### Testing for lead in water

The Portland Water Bureau has a free water testing program available to all residents in our service area. The risk of water-related lead exposure in Portland is linked to building plumbing and fixtures, most commonly from lead solder in plumbing installed between 1970 and 1985. Request a test kit at [leadline.org](http://leadline.org). Find more information about lead in water at [portland.gov/water/lead](http://portland.gov/water/lead).

### Lead-safe renovation, repair, and painting

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) enforces regulations related to lead-based paint, including when a landlord does work in properties built before 1978. Work that disturbs paint in your rental properties must comply with the federal Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) rule to limit your tenants' exposure to harmful lead dust. To comply with the RRP rule, you must either complete an eight-hour RRP course and be certified with OHA or hire a contractor with a lead-based paint renovation license. Learn more information at [healthoregon.org/lead](http://healthoregon.org/lead).

### Call a lead expert

Multnomah County Health Department has a lead prevention information and referral hotline that both landlords and tenants can call for information and resources. Find more information at [leadline.org](http://leadline.org) or by calling 503-988-4000.