



Prescriptions for Prevention

Lead in Homes

Bucks County, PA

Did you know?

Lead paint dust in older homes is the main way children are exposed to lead. Even low levels of lead can affect a child's learning and behavior.

Action Plan

- Unless environmental testing shows otherwise, assume paint in homes built before 1978 contains lead. Any peeling paint or lead dust is a risk to children.
- Your child should be tested for lead at their 1 and 2 year old well child visit. Older children should be tested if you are concerned about a lead exposure.
- Wet dust and mop daily to eliminate lead dust and paint chips.
- All home repairs that disrupt paint in homes built before 1978 should be done by a lead certified contractor. [Find one at the following link:](#)
- Renters: If peeling paint is present, talk to your landlord. If unsatisfied with their response, contact your local municipality's code official.
- Many water service lines are made of lead or have lead solder. This can contaminate the drinking water in your home especially when it sits in the pipe for more than 6 hours. Running the water in your kitchen sink for 3-5 minutes before consuming it in the morning and after work will lower the amount of lead in your water.
- Find out if you have a lead service line by following the steps outlined [in this video:](#)





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Resources

Habitat for Humanity's Whole Home Repair

If you are a home owner and need assistance with home repairs you may qualify for help through the Bucks County Habitat for Humanity's Whole Home Repair Program. For more information, visit the [website by clicking here](#), scanning the QR Code or calling 215-822-2812 ext 304



Bucks County Health Department

Call the Bucks County Health Department at 215-345-3318 if you have questions about lead exposures and steps you can take.

Bucks County Housing Rehabilitation Program

This program assists income eligible homeowners with essential repairs or replacements for their home with a zero interest loan up to \$15,000 that is not due until the home is sold, refinanced or the deed is transferred. For more information, visit the [website by clicking here](#), scanning the QR code or calling (215) 781-8711



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