

## **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Lead-Based Paint**

1. What is the turnaround time on issuing a LBP Discipline License?
  - a. 1-2 weeks, depending on payment type and work load. ACH payments process quicker.
2. Can I Pressure Wash my pre-'78 home?
  - a. Pressure washing is a restricted, not prohibited practice. A homeowner may pressure wash the exterior of their home if the pressure is on a low setting. However, the homeowner is responsible for maintaining containment of the waste water and proper disposal of it and any paint chips on the ground is a Solid Waste Violation.
  - b. A contractor hired to do the pressure washing must be RRP Certified and use lead safe work practices.
3. Do you or your child need Lead Testing?
  - a. Contact your local or county Health Department; or Visit the Georgia Department of Public Health at [www.dph.georgia.gov/healthy-homes-and-lead-poisoning-prevention](http://www.dph.georgia.gov/healthy-homes-and-lead-poisoning-prevention).
4. Does your home need Lead Testing?
  - a. Contact EPD for a list of Georgia-certified Lead Inspectors and Risk Assessors or visit [www.epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint](http://www.epd.georgia.gov/lead-based-paint).
  - b. Check the EPA website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) for information and instructions on EPA-recognized test kits. These can be purchased online or at hardware stores.
5. Where will I find it in my home?
  - a. Homes built before 1978, especially those built before 1950, may contain lead-based paint and other lead coatings such as varnishes and shellacs.
  - b. In addition Lead maybe found around your home in the soil, solder in plumbing and imported goods, foreign-made vinyl mini-blinds, imported candy, toys, cosmetics and glazed ceramic ware, certain folk or Ayurvedic remedies such as azarcon and greta; paints used for traffic markings, bridges, steel structures and boats

6. When was Lead banned?
  - a. Lead was banned as a residential paint additive in 1978 by the Consumer Products Safety Commission.
7. How Do I Protect My Family from Lead Poisoning?
  - a. If you live in pre-1978 housing, be sure to: get your child tested for lead poisoning; frequently clean floors, windowsills and window frames with warm soapy water; wash your child's hands often; wash your child's toys often, especially those used on the floor or ground.
  - b. Refer to EPA's "Protect Your Family" website, <https://www.epa.gov/lead/protect-your-family-lead-your-home>
8. Are You a Realtor/Landlord in Need of "Protect Your Family" pamphlets or Disclosure Forms?
  - a. Visit the EPA website at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) to download these publications.
  - b. Remember you must inform the buyer or tenant of any known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the home and provide records or reports about lead-based paint in the home and include in the sales or lease contract a Lead Disclosure attachment that includes a Lead Warning Statement and confirmation that all notification requirements have been complied with.
9. Where can I find general information on Lead?
  - a. Contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD [5323]; or
  - b. Visit the National Safety Council's Lead Poisoning Prevention Outreach Program at [www.nsc.org/issues/lead](http://www.nsc.org/issues/lead)