

EPA LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Advisory information regarding building remodeling, renovation, maintenance.

Beginning February 1, 2011, Minnesota State Statute 326B.106 requires municipalities to verify licensed residential contractors have a “Lead Certification” prior to issuing building permits related to residential structures built before 1978.

In the City of Chanhassen, effective February 1, 2011, “Lead Certification” will be required for licensed residential contractors, residential roofers and residential siding contractors applying for building permits for work to be performed on existing residential buildings constructed before 1978.

Information regarding “lead certification” in Minnesota can be found on the Minnesota Department of Health website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/prof/forms/index.html>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency “Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program”

Beginning October 1, 2010, federal law will require that contractors be trained to protect children and pregnant women from dangerous levels of lead.

The law will require contractors and maintenance professionals to be certified, and their employees trained. In addition, they must follow protective lead-safe work practice standards when renovation, repair or painting activities will disturb more than six square feet of lead-based paint in a room or when 20 square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed on the exterior.

Contractors will be required to post warning signs, restrict occupants from work areas, prevent dust and debris from spreading, conduct a thorough cleanup and verify that the cleanup was effective.

These new requirements focus on those structures built before 1978 (the year lead-based paint was banned) where children under the age of six are present or where an expectant mother resides.

For additional information, educational materials and brochures, please visit www.epa.gov/lead, <http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>, or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD (5323).