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LEAD SAFE HOME REVOLUTION & REMODELING

Studies have shown that invisible lead dust created during home renovation and remodeling can result in lead poisoning. This can be avoided by following simple Lead Safe Work Practices. If your home was built before 1978, you should assume that the paint has lead and take the following precautions:

THE BASICS:

- Protect yourself and others
- Don't spread the lead
- Work wet
- Clean up properly when finished

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS by using proper protective equipment such as plastic sheeting, coveralls, spray bottles, HEPA vacuums, disposable rags/towels and a HEPA respirator. Do not allow pregnant women and children into the work area.

DON'T SPREAD THE LEAD from the work area. Keep the lead dust from spreading by removing all belongings and furniture from the work area. Cover the floor and anything that couldn't be removed with plastic sheeting. If possible, install plastic doorway flaps to seal the work area off. Cover all heating vents. Close the windows in the work area. Be careful not to track lead dust from the work area on shoes, clothes and hands. Wash your hands often, and don't eat, drink or smoke in the work area.

WORK WET using a spray bottle. Lightly misting the area to be worked on with water will help keep the lead dust down. **NEVER** dry sand, dry scrape, power sand or burn any painted area.

CLEAN UP PROPERLY using a HEPA vacuum. Mist the dust, chips and debris on the floor plastic and carefully roll inward. **Do not use** a shop vac unless it has a HEPA filter attachment. Everything in the work area needs to be cleaned. This includes walls, window sills and the tops of baseboards, door and window casings. Wipe areas down several times using soapy, wet, disposable rags or towels. **Do not use** sponges to clean. Dispose all material (including rags) in plastic bags. Wash work clothes separately from regular clothing.

By following these simple steps, you can keep yourself and your family safe from lead poisoning. For more information call the **Burlington Lead Program @ 865-LEAD**.