



**MONTEREY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BUREAU  
LEAD MITIGATION PROGRAM (LLMP)**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. How and why this program was created?**

Monterey County along with other government bodies recognized the health risk that household lead poses to the population. To alleviate the risk to our citizens the county designed the Lead Mitigation Program. The cost of the program is funded by a settlement with businesses that were sources of the Lead Hazard found in houses.

**2. What is the main goal of the Lead Mitigation Program (LMP)?**

The main goal of the program is to eliminate Lead hazards from homes.

**3. How does the program work?**

This program addresses the problem of lead paint on structural components such as windows and doors. We help renters and homeowners by providing free services to remove the danger of lead paint from homes built before 1978. Lead risk reduction testing and services are provided to Monterey County residents. The health department will work with a licensed construction contractor who will repair and remedy lead hazards.

**4. Who is eligible for the Lead Litigation Mitigation Program (LLMP)?**

- If your home was built before 1978.
- If paint in your home is peeling, cracking, chipping or deteriorating.
- Priority to homes of low-income families.
- If in the house live children under the age of six years
- If a pregnant woman is living in the house



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**5. How much does the service to remediate lead paint cost?**

The Monterey County Health Department is using a litigation fund to help the community. Services are free of charge to improve the environmental health of your home.

**6. Is having lead paint removed from my property mandatory?**

No, but it is strongly recommended to have it removed because of the health hazards posed to children and pregnant women.

**7. Why do homes built before 1978 qualify to have lead paint remediation?**

Houses built before 1978 are likely to contain some lead-based paint, disturbances such as chipping, cracks and peeling can be dangerous.

**8. Do all homes built before 1978 have lead paint?**

Lead-based paints were banned for use in housing in 1978. Houses built before 1978 are likely to contain some lead-based paint. Deterioration or disturbance of lead-based paint can cause problems.

**9. Who will do the lead hazard evaluation on my property?**

A certified Lead Assessor Inspector will conduct testing.

**10. How long would take to complete repair process?**

Repairs take only a couple of days to a couple of weeks. The time depends on the size and amount of lead paint hazards found in your home.

**11. How do property owners, tenants and landlords participate in the Litigation Mitigation Program (LLMP)?**



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- Initiate an application via email, phone, or online at [www.mtyhd.org/LLMP](http://www.mtyhd.org/LLMP).
- The department of Environmental health will contact you in writing after the application has been processed. If your home is considered eligible, an inspector will schedule an appointment.
- On the day of the appointment a house assessment will be conducted by a Lead Assessor Inspector to evaluate lead-based paint found on the property.
- Additionally, if needed, arrangements of temporary housing will be made for scheduled days of repair.
- On repair days certified contractors will work on your property at no cost to you.
- A final inspection called “ clearance “is conducted by the Department of Environmental Health to ensure paint remediation is completed.

**12. Where is lead found on my property?**

Walls, windows, doors, floors, structural components, and base boards are areas that lead is found both in the interior and exterior of a home.

**13. If lead is found on my property to exceed acceptable hazard level standards, what should I do?**

Lead-based paint is most dangerous when it is deteriorating—peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, etc.



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For your own safety, you may want to consider treating any lead paint-covered surfaces, if you have children living in your home or visiting frequently.

**14. Is lead-based paint still sold?**

In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-based paint. Lead paint is still present in millions of homes, sometimes under layers of new paint.

**15. What percent of homes contain Lead-based paint?**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that roughly 35 percent of U.S. homes contain some lead-based paint.

**16. Who are high risk populations to lead?**

- Children under the age of 6
- Pregnant women