

REPORTING UNSAFE PAINTING PRACTICES

Painting season: are you protecting your family, gardens, and neighbors? If you observe that **Lead Safe Work Practices (LSWP)** is NOT being followed on a home that is being repainted, please call the City or the County and let them know. Not following Lead Safe Work Practices causes a public health hazard—and that is against the law.

CITY: Len Merritt at (585) 428-LEAD (5323)

COUNTY: Monroe County Dept of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (585) 753-5087

If you see someone power sanding or grinding the exterior of a home without containment, work areas not covered with plastic sheeting, power washing without containment, no visible use of N100 respirator protection on workers, etc, please make a note of the address and call it in. In each instance—County or City—an inspector will be dispatched to inform and educate the individual doing the work.

If it is within the city limits, please call Len Merritt at the **City of Rochester's Lead Program at (585) 428-LEAD (5323)**. *In all cases of exterior work one of the City's Lead signs must be posted in view of the public, to warn of potential lead hazards. The signs are free at any NSC office. If the work continues in an unsafe manner within City limits, stop work orders and fines can and will be assessed on any property owner who willingly ignores the City's warnings.*

If the address is outside the city line, but within Monroe County, please call the **Monroe Co. Dept of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (585) 753-5087**.

Not sure what Lead Safe Work Practices looks like? You can always take one of the free LSWP classes offered by the City and the County (call 1-866-850-5280 to register for a class).

Call the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning at (585) 256-2267 x5 for a FREE DVD. Or go to your public library and check out the locally produced *Get the Lead Out* which demonstrates a comprehensive step-by-step approach to Lead Safe Work Practices.

Or go to a myriad of websites including the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning's www.leadssafeby2010.org/LeadSafeWorkPractices/Resources/tabid/111/Default.aspx and www.healthyhomestraining.org/LSWP/index.htm to list a few.

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As of April 2010, all contractors working on pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities will have to be certified by the EPA under its new "*Remodeling, Renovation and Painting Rule*" and will be required to follow lead safe work practices for interior and exterior renovations. For more information go to: www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm.