

Overview of New Lead Paint Regulations  
RRP Program – Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair and Painting  
Building Official Meeting

**Program Overview:**

- Beginning April 22, 2010
- Any home built before **1978** in which more than **6 square feet of interior** space or **20 square feet of exterior** space is disturbed (also includes child care facilities and multi-family residences)
  - Disturbed could be defined as anything that creates dust or flecking of paint (demo, sanding, holes for HVAC or electrical, etc.)
- Exceptions: Non-abrasive washing and Over-painting
- If above criteria is met, a lead test must be done to see if lead is present or homeowner/contractor can assume its presence
- \$32,500 fine (up to) per violation
- Applies to all contractors and workers working in work areas where lead is disturbed, whether working independently or as part of a G.C. team
  - No certification piggy-backing
- Property Managers also affected by rules

**Guidelines if Lead is Present:**

- Contractor must be certified
  - Certified firm
  - Certified renovator
- **Protection/encapsulation of work area**
- **Control of dust during work**
- **Cleaning of area after work is complete**
- Informing client about risks of lead as it pertains to renovation – Renovate Right brochure
- Verification of all of the above

**Why having all contractors adhere to these rules is important**

- Protection of citizens'/homeowners' and workers' health – especially pregnant women and children under 6 yrs old
- Protecting contractors from extensive fines – Charleston a likely EPA target
  - Too few know about or are doing anything about these rules
- Protection of citizens/homeowners from excessive cost overruns, delays, weather and security exposure, etc.