

CITY OF BUFFALO LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM

Mayor Byron W. Brown recently launched a multi-pronged initiative, which was also unanimously approved by the Common Council, to reduce Buffalo residents' exposure to lead hazards. As with all new programs, questions arise as the programs are being implemented. This mailer is designed to answer some of these questions and to promote compliance with the new initiative.

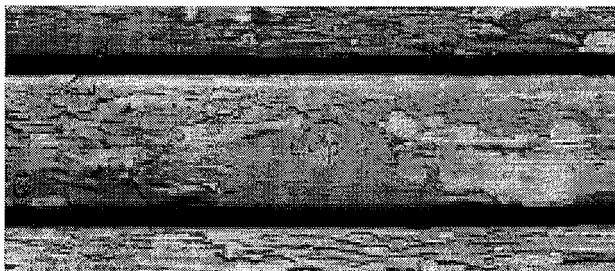
I AM A LANDLORD OF A ONE OR TWO UNIT HOME(S).WHAT MUST I DO TO COMPLY?

Landlords of one to two unit rental properties must inform tenants that lead may be present if their property was built before 1978 by providing the City of Buffalo Lead Paint Notice Form to all adult tenants. The City of Buffalo Lead Paint Notice is signed by both the landlord, or his property manager, and the tenant(s).

LANDLORDS MUST THEN COMPLETE A LANDLORD ATTESTATION INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED NOTICE.

The forms can be found on the City of Buffalo website on the Rental Registration page. Hard copies can be provided upon request. A copy of the Landlord Attestation must be returned either by mail to Room 304 City Hall Attention: Rental Registration or via email to sfanara@city-buffalo.com.

Landlords must also agree to follow Federal guidelines for renovation and repair (HUD/EPA Renovation Pamphlet). Failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in the loss of rental registration certificate and an order to vacate the property.



I AM A PROPERTY MANAGER. WHAT MUST I DO TO COMPLY?

A property manager is defined as any individual who manages three or more properties. Property managers must be registered by the City of Buffalo. Failure to do so may result in the inability to manage properties and possible court action. An application to register can be obtained in Room 301 City Hall or on the City's webpage.

All property managers are required to complete an EPA accredited Renovation and Repair Training Program ("RRP"). A list of available RRP classes is available by calling 851-4949.

I OWN RENTAL UNIT OF 3 OR MORE UNITS. HOW DOES THESE NEW LAW IMPACT ME?

As before, rental properties with three or more units are subject to a City inspection to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. Certificates of Occupancy will be denied if there is a lead-based paint hazard.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

about the new landlord, property manager or renovation permit regulations, or would like assistance with a lead-based paint situation, please call the Department of Permit & Inspection Service at (716)851-4949.

