

# REDUCING LEAD HAZARDS AT HOME



## Cleaning Tools

- Plastic or rubber gloves that can be thrown away after each use.
- Plastic trash bags
- Two (2) or three (3) plastic buckets
- A spray bottle
- Lint-free rags or paper towel that can be thrown away after each use
- Any general purpose cleaning product will work. Do not use bleach
- Industrial vacuum with a HEPA filter, known as a HEPA vacuum.



## Cleaning Surfaces

- When removing large paint chips, wear plastic gloves. Place them into a plastic trash bag.
- Remove smaller paint chips by vacuuming with a HEPA vacuum.
- Is sweeping paint chips, mist the paint chips with water from a spray bottle, then sweep them up and put them into a trash bag.
- clean one room at a time. Clean the highest surfaces first and work your way to the floor. always start at the farthest corner of the room and work your way to the door.



## Prevent lead poisoning before you can't

To find out more, contact the Connecticut Department of Public Health Lead and Healthy Homes Program at 860-509-7299. Or, call the East Hartford Health Department at 860-291-7324.

Warning: Pregnant women must not clean up lead dust because it can harm developing fetus. You must use an industrial HEPA vacuum ONLY. Do not use an ordinary vacuum. Before you begin, remove children and pets from the room being cleaned. Wear old clothes and plastic gloves. Consult the Connecticut Department of Public health or your local health department for more information on how to clean lead dust safely