



NEWSLETTER
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This newsletter is intended to provide a recap of some of the healthy homes and lead-based paint information that we have shared in the IHHN meetings or that has come to us through various Listservs. We want to especially acknowledge the National Center for Healthy Homes and the many content providers on LeadNet and HealthyHomesNet.

FREE TRAINING: LEAD ED - EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HUD'S LEAD SAFETY & MITIGATION PROGRAMS

HUD clients will be presented with:

- Overview of HUD OHHLHC Strategic Plan, Grant Programs, Regulatory/Enforcement Activities, Accomplishments;
- Implementation of HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule 24 CFR Part 35, for HUD-Assisted Projects;
- HUD/EPA Lead Disclosure Rule Requirements;
- Applicability and Compliance with New EPA Renovation Repair & Painting Rule (RRP);
- Case Study;
- Questions and Answers;
- Available Resources.
- Guest Speakers from Region X EPA and Oregon Public Health Lead Program.

Training is at two locations:

- September 28, 2010 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 400 SW 6th Ave, Suite 700, Portland, OR 97204-1632. To register for the event in **Portland** go to <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=620&update=N>
- September 29, 2010 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 909 First Ave, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104-1000. To register for the event in **Seattle** go to <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=621&update=N>

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HUD OFFERS \$110 MILLION IN GRANTS TO CLEAN UP LEAD HAZARDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that it is making approximately \$110 million in grants available to help eliminate dangerous lead-based paint from lower income homes and to protect young children from lead poisoning. The grants to States and local governments are being offered through HUD's [Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Programs](#).

"These grants are critical for States, counties and cities who are on the front lines of protecting our children from dangerous lead hazards," said Jon Gant, Director of the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control. "While we have made remarkable progress toward eliminating lead poisoning in children nationwide, now is the time to focus on reaching the finish line. We look forward to communities applying for these grants so that they can help make older housing safer and healthier for children."

HUD is providing an opportunity for applicants through its Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. Prospective grantees will be able to apply for supplementary funding to promote and develop a local Healthy Housing initiative, building on their lead hazard control program, to address multiple housing-related health hazards in accordance with best practices HUD has identified. In addition, the Department will announce the availability of funds for four Healthy Homes and lead grant programs in the near future.

HUD requires prospective grantees to submit their applications electronically via www.grants.gov. Any changes to HUD-published funding notices will be made available to the public through a Federal Register publication and published on [this government-wide portal](http://www.federalregister.gov). Applicants are urged to sign up for Grants.gov's notification service to receive periodic updates or changes to this grant offering. Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program NOFAs are at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/leadcombo.pdf> and <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grpleadcombo.cfm>

TRIBAL WEATHERIZATION AND HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Sept 16 & 17 – Western Washington; hosted by Tulalip Tribes

Oct 6 & 7 -- Idaho/Eastern Washington; hosted by the Spokane Tribe

Oct 21 & 22 – Oregon; hosted by the Warm Springs Tribe

- How to perform basic energy audits on a home
- How to identify heating and cooling improvements to reduce energy bills
- How to inspect a home to evaluate potential indoor air pollutants
- How to use a particulate monitor and a moisture meter - instruments for measuring indoor air pollutants
- How to identify environmental asthma triggers in a home (e.g., molds, dust, particulates from wood smoke)
- How to utilize a health survey to inform occupants about potential health risks associated with indoor air

For workshop information and to register:

https://docs.google.com/document/pub?id=1hb7hjZA94JiuhluSyl1jTZ8_oKQkSwHeHxIUJLIHBO



LEAD PAINT LAW BINDS CONTRACTORS, HOMEBUYERS

<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/article/20100822/OSH0101/8220335/Lead-paint-laws-bind-contractors-homebuyers>

FACTS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT LEAD-BASED PAINT

<http://money99.com/content/view/134/1/>

NEW!!! RRP SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE – JULY 2010

<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/sbcomplianceguide.pdf>

FED-OSHA FINES GUN RANGE \$2.1 MILLION FOR LEAD EXPOSURES

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/08/24/1789475/osha-accuses-miami-gun-range-of.html>

LEAD IN MY WATER!

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wilma-chan/forget-the-lemon-i-want-s_b_689139.html

DO-IT-YOURSELF COSMETICS, INCLUDING LEAD-FREE FACE PAINT FOR KIDS!

<http://safecosmetics.org/article.php?id=233#halloween>

GOVERNMENT RECALLS

To provide better service in alerting the American people to unsafe, hazardous or defective products, six federal agencies with vastly different jurisdictions have joined together to create recalls.gov -- a "one stop shop" for U.S. Government recalls. www.recalls.gov

HEALTH COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MARKETING

Access many resources to help build your health communication or social marketing campaigns and programs. <http://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication>



WEBSITE FOR "GREENING" YOUR HOME

<http://greenhomeguide.com/>

CITY WEBSITE LISTS ECO-FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

The City of San Francisco has some recommendations. Originally intended for its purchasing department, the city launched a website that lists products it considers eco-friendly in categories including cleaning supplies, paints and pest management. SFAproved.org

U.S. GRAPPLES WITH BEDBUGS, MISUSE OF PESTICIDES

A resurgence of bedbugs across the U.S. has homeowners and apartment dwellers taking desperate measures to eradicate the tenacious bloodsuckers, with some relying on dangerous outdoor pesticides and fly-by-night exterminators.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ioPwXC10YqCaNpR9YhvGB9IWpheAD9HU16TO1>



THEY CRAWL, THEY BITE, THEY BAFFLE SCIENTISTS

This month, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a joint statement on bedbug control.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/31/science/31bedbug.html>

THE MICHIGAN DEPT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH BEDBUG WEBPAGE

<http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases/0,1607,7-186--147759--00.html>

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AG BEDBUG FACT SHEETS

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides/bedbugs.shtml>

RUTGERS PUBLICATIONS ON BEDBUGS

<http://www.njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS1098>

<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS1117>

PESTICIDE EXPOSURE LINKED TO ADHD

Children exposed to common pesticides are more likely to have problems with attention span, according to a new study that followed mothers and children from the time of pregnancy, to age 5. The chemicals in question – organophosphates - have mostly been banned from household pesticides, but are widely used in agriculture.

<http://pagingdr Gupta.blogs.cnn.com/2010/08/17/pesticide-exposure-linked-to-adhd/>

HOME PESTICIDES LINKED TO CHILDHOOD CANCER

A new study of children and published in the journal Therapeutic Drug Monitoring links one form of childhood cancer to exposure to common organophosphate pesticides used around the home.

http://www.seattlepi.com/environment/412260_dailygreen591279.html



NEW RESEARCH: NON-STICK PANS CAN AFFECT HORMONES

A group of chemicals found in common household items may be having dangerous effects on our hormones.

http://www.theecologist.org/News/news_round_up/570519/nonstick_pans_can_affect_our_hormones_new_research_suggests.html

NICOTINE IN CIGARETTES LINKED TO BREAST CANCER FOR FIRST TIME

The substance that makes cigarettes addictive may also cause the growth of cancer tumors, scientists revealed today. It is the first time nicotine has been implicated as one of the chemicals in cigarettes that can trigger the development of breast cancer.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-1305628/Nicotine-cigarettes-linked-breast-cancer-time.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

EMERGENCY SAFETY “HUFFER” LOCKS ON YOUR A/C AND HEAT PUMPS

In light of a recent local boy's tragic death in the Treasure Valley from "huffing" Freon gas from an air conditioner, heating/ventilating service companies can install a small low-cost lock to prevent access. This will save the cost of a service call, replacement Freon, and maybe the life of a young person.

See the video: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/strange/news-article.aspx?storyid=144018&provider=rss>

RAILS GUARDED SECRET: HAZMAT TEAMS DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ON A TRAIN

Trains carrying deadly chemicals rumble through our backyards every day, but railroad companies hauling them refuse to publicly disclose exactly what those substances are, or how often they travel through the area.

<http://www.stargazette.com/article/20100814/NEWS01/8140340/Railroads%20%20guarded%20secret%20%20Not%20even%20HAZMAT%20teams%20are%20told%20what%20s%20on%20train>



OTHER LINKS:

Idaho Healthy Homes Network - <http://www.hud.gov/local/id/library/healthyhomes/IHNN.cfm>

Subscribe the Healthy Homes Network Listserv-

http://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup.cfm?listname=Idaho%20Healthy%20Homes%20Network&list=ID_AHO-HH-NETWORK-L

HUD's Office of Health Homes and Lead Hazard Control - <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/>

EPA – www.epa.gov/lead

OSHA – www.osha.gov

National Center for Healthy Housing - <http://www.nchh.org/Home.aspx>

Alliance for Healthy Homes - www.afhh.org

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Product Recalls -

<http://cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html>

LeadNet – international listserv on lead and lead poisoning; to subscribe - Leadnet-on@mail-list.com

To search LeadNet Archives - <http://archive.mail-list.com/leadnet>

User Name = leadnet

Password = lswp (The User Name and Password are case-sensitive.)

For parents of a lead-poisoned child: www.alphalead.org

Tamara Rubin's (Portland, OR) website: <http://www.mychildrenhaveleadpoisoning.com>