

Lead Poisoning Prevention HEPA Vacuum Program

Mohawk Valley residents may borrow a HEPA vacuum for short term residential use to assist in cleaning homes and apartments of lead dust and the hazards associated with lead-based paint.

**Lead poisoning is a serious health concern for children.
Most lead exposure happens in homes built before 1978.**

Prevent Lead Poisoning

- Lead dust can easily find its way into a child's mouth through normal activities
- If you live in an older home or see peeling or chipping paint assume lead is there
- Lead dust collects on windowsills, floors, toys, furniture, or even the fur of animals
- Careful cleaning is very important to help reduce the risk of childhood lead poisoning

HEPA Filter Vacuums

- Trap dust and dirt inside the filter and bag better than most vacuums
- Can only be used on hard and soft surfaces that are dry

Program Requirements

- Complete the application form
- Take healthy homes education and quiz
- Have valid driver's license or government issued photo I.D.
- Provide a \$100 refundable deposit (via check or money order)
- Vacuums may be borrowed for 1 week
- Pick up and return the vacuum to the HomeOwnershipCenter
- Clean the vacuum before returning



To borrow a HEPA vacuum

Contact the HomeOwnershipCenter
1611 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501
Monday - Thursday from 8:00am - 4:30pm
Call: 315-724-4197 | Website: www.unhs.org

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How do homes become contaminated with lead dust?

Lead dust can develop in homes and other buildings that have lead-based paints on walls, trim, or floors and older windows and doors that are in poor repair. If your home is older or see peeling and chipping paint assume lead is there. Interior surfaces or exterior surfaces with lead-based paints such as stairs, walls, porches or railings allow dust to be tracked into the home creating lead hazards. Doors and windows that rub disturb the older lead-based paint and can generate lead dust. Lead dust can accumulate on floors and around window wells/sills. Lead dust can spread throughout the household and contaminate surfaces and belongings at unsafe levels.

Dry scraping, or dry sanding of lead-based paints during do-it-yourself home repairs creates large amounts of lead dust and can cause lead contamination of the home, its contents and cause lead poisoning. Only wet sanding or wet scraping should be used and precautions must be taken to protect occupants doing home repair. Consideration should be given to replacing older single pane windows whenever possible to reduce lead hazards.

Who should borrow a HEPA vacuum?

Anyone owning pre-1978 property that has the potential to have lead-based paints. Particularly if you have older single pane windows or doors painted with lead-based paint, chipping and peeling paint on interior or exterior surfaces or bare dirt that may cause lead dust to be tracked into the home.

What is a HEPA vacuum?

A HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) vacuum is a completely sealed vacuum that contains a specialized filter designed to trap virtually all of the lead dust. Never use a home vacuum cleaner to clean up lead hazards, even if it is advertised as having a HEPA filter. It is important to use a professional-grade HEPA vacuum for lead hazards, because these vacuums are specially sealed to ensure that no lead dust escapes into the room.

How does a HEPA vacuum work?

HEPA vacuums have special filters that are capable of removing 99.97% of 0.3 micron dust particles and do not release them back into the air. The HEPA vacuum motor must be running whenever you are using any of the attachment tools. You must vacuum very slowly and thoroughly. Repeatedly go over surfaces especially in carpeted areas. A thorough cleaning with the HEPA vacuum including all window wells and sills followed by a thorough washing of the windows, wells, and sills, then a final cleaning with the HEPA vacuum is recommended. Windowsills should be washed at least 1-2 times per week after that. Frequent vacuuming with a HEPA vacuum is recommended for very high lead dust areas.

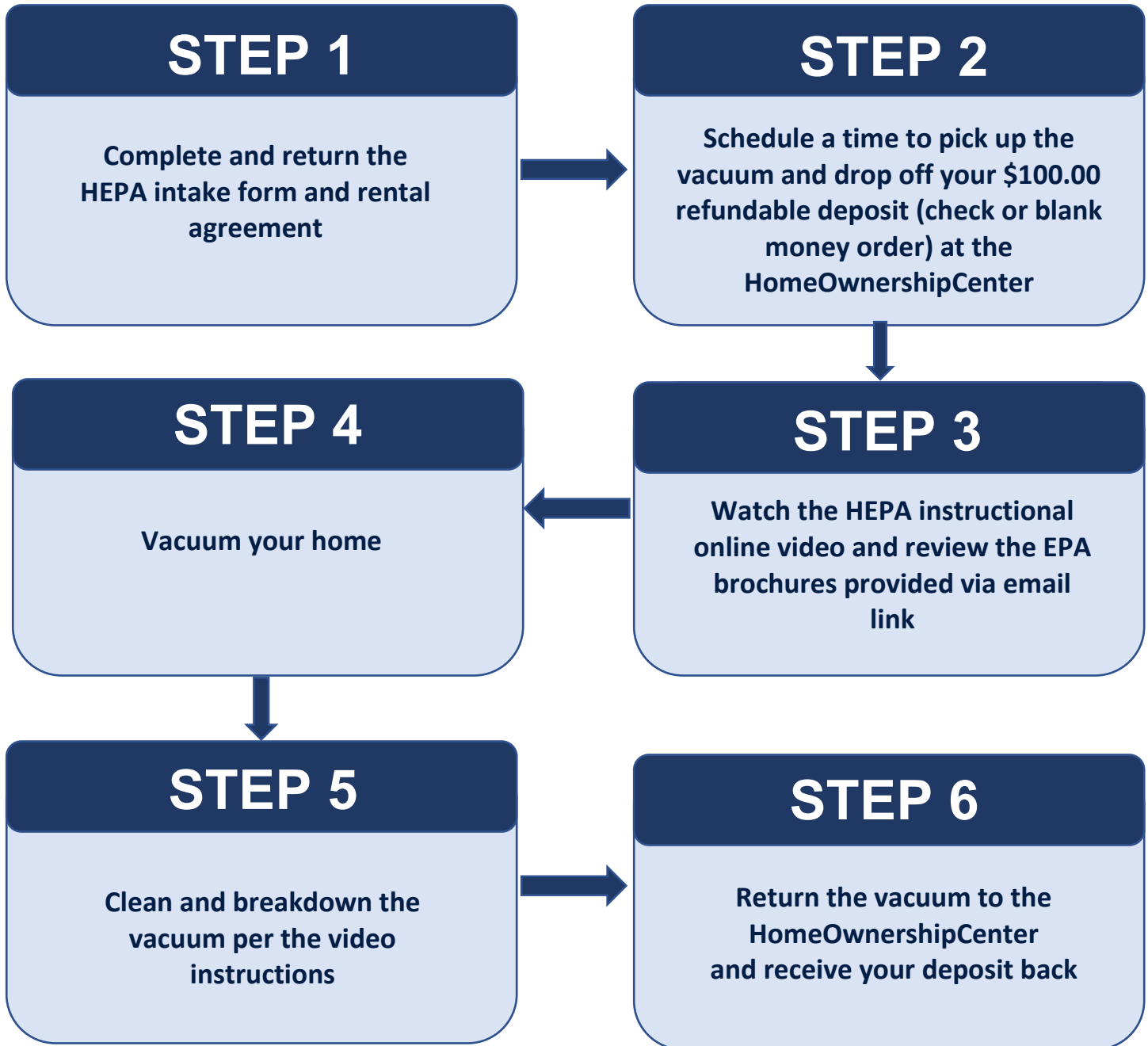
What if I have loose, peeling or chipping paint?

Always wet down surfaces by using a spray bottle of water so they are damp before scraping or sanding. Never dry scrape or dry sand lead-based paints. This will create large amounts of lead dust that can quickly contaminate the entire room and lead poison family members. You must follow lead safe work practices whenever you are removing loose paint from surfaces.

How do I borrow a HEPA vacuum?

You must reserve the HEPA vacuum in advance. Vacuums are loaned out Monday - Thursday from 8:00am - 4:30pm. Call 315-724-4197 to reserve a vacuum or for more information. You must have an acceptable form of identification to borrow the vacuum, review the education materials, and complete the HEPA vacuum application. The vacuum may be borrowed for up to 1 week. It can only be picked up or returned on the agreed upon days. The vacuum must be cleaned thoroughly prior to returning it to our office at 1611 Genesee Street, Utica, NY. All items to conduct this cleaning are provided with the vacuum. On the day you first borrow the HEPA vacuum you must attend a brief training to insure you are familiar with the vacuum and its proper use and cleaning.

HEPA VACUUM PROGRAM STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE





Combined Intake Form

Referring Organization: _____ Date: _____

Note: The information below will only be used to determine if you may be pre-qualified for services.

First Name: _____	Last Name: _____	
Phone Number: _____	Language Spoken: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if an interpreter is needed
Home Street Address: _____		Apt. #: _____
City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Email Address: _____		

Are you the property owner or a renter? Owner | Renter

What kind of property do you own or rent?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single House (1 unit) | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing (owned by government) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi (2+) Unit Building # of Units in Building: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Property(all units unoccupied) | Do you Own or Rent Land? (Circle one) |

Do any of these apply to you? Home for Sale | Home in Foreclosure | Reverse Mortgage | Life Use

Was your house built before 1978? Yes | No | Don't Know

Do Any Apply to Your Home? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>I can smell gas in my home – Call 911</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Uneven floors/broken stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Furnace doesn't work (heating) Fuel Source: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Water leaks in my home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A/C doesn't work | <input type="checkbox"/> Flooded in the past |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home is too hot or too cold | <input type="checkbox"/> Mold |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy bills seem too high | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof problems/leaks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No smoke detectors | <input type="checkbox"/> Pests or pest droppings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No carbon monoxide detectors | <input type="checkbox"/> It's difficult to move around my house because of its layout/access issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical problems | <input type="checkbox"/> It's difficult to move around my house because of my possessions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exposed electric wires | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping or peeling paint | |

Do Any of These Apply to Anyone in Your Home?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (age 60+) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility/accessibility needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children under 6 (live full-time or visit) | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing in home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant women (live full-time or visit) | <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated Blood Lead Level |

Are You or Your Family Enrolled in Any of these Program?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) | <input type="checkbox"/> TANF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Assistance (Section 8, DSS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Assistance/HEAP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare/Medicaid | <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP Program |

How Many People Live in Your Home? _____

How much is Your Rent/Mortgage Payment Each Month? _____

What is the Combined Income for All Occupants in Your Home? _____

If You Rent, Have You Spoken with Your Landlord about these Issues? Yes | No | N/A

Are You Current on Your Mortgage or Rent? Yes | No | N/A

Do you have renters or homeowner's insurance? Yes | No | N/A

Are You Current on Your Property Taxes or Enrolled in a Payment Program? Yes | No | N/A

Current on Your Utility Bills or Enrolled in a Payment Program? Yes | No | N/A

RETURN TO 1611 GENESEE STREET UTICA NY 13501 OR SCAN OR TAKE A PICTURE AND EMAIL IT TO HOME@UNHS.ORG



HEPA Vacuum Program Agreement

Owner: **HomeOwnershipCenter**

1611 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501

DATE: _____

Borrower Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

_____ Copy of Photo ID

Check/money order number to be held as security deposit: _____

Equipment Rented

ITEM	SERIAL NUMBER	CONDITION
HEPA Vacuum _____	_____	_____

Rental Term

TERM: 1 Week FROM: _____ TO: _____

Rental Terms and Conditions

- I understand that a \$100 check or blank money order will be held by the HomeOwnershipCenter as a security deposit. This deposit will be returned when the vacuum is returned in working order.
- I certify the home is free from cockroaches, bed bugs and any other known pests. If I come across any pests during my term, I agree to discontinue use and inform the HomeOwnershipCenter immediately.
- I will use the equipment as instructed in the manual provided with the equipment. I will return the equipment in the same condition it was in at the time of rental; cleaned and in working condition.
- The equipment shall be picked-up and returned at my own risk, cost and expense.
- I will keep and maintain the rented equipment at the address provided above for the entire duration of the term.
- I agree to inform HomeOwnershipCenter of any damages, lost or stolen parts and to pay for the replacement of such parts.
- I agree to hold HomeOwnershipCenter harmless from any and all liability, suits, losses, judgments, damages, or any other demands arising out of the action or omission of myself while using the borrowed vacuum.

My dated signature below indicates I have read and agree to the terms and conditions above. It also signifies that I agree to be subject to penalties (forfeiture of deposit and/or criminal prosecution) should I fail to comply with the terms listed in the policy and agreement section of this document.

BORROWER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____