



Montgomery County  
Department of  
Health and Human Services



# Montgomery County Lead and Healthy Homes Program

## Do you qualify?

- Do you own or rent a home in Montgomery County?
- Does a child under 6 live with or regularly visit you OR does a pregnant woman live with you?
- Was your home built before 1978?
- Does your household income from all sources fall below these limits?

Family Size	Pre-Tax Income
1	\$62,500
2	\$71,400
3	\$80,350
4	\$89,250
5	\$96,400
6	\$103,550
7	\$110,700
8	\$117,850

If you are a landlord, does your tenant meet the above requirements?

**VACANT PROPERTIES** are also eligible.

## WHO IS AT RISK FOR LEAD POISONING?

Children under the age of 6 years old are at risk for lead poisoning because they are growing so rapidly and their major organs are still developing. Young children get lead poisoned by putting their hands or objects into their mouths that contain lead or are contaminated with lead dust.

There is no safe level of lead. Even low levels of lead in the blood of children can result in:

- Behavior and learning problems
- Lower IQ and underperformance in school
- Decreased ability to pay attention

## HOW ARE CHILDREN EXPOSED TO LEAD?

All houses built before 1978 are likely to contain some lead-based paint. However, it is the chipping and peeling of the paint that causes a problem. Lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust are the most hazardous sources of lead poisoning for U.S. children.

**The Montgomery County Office of Public Health recommends all children be tested for lead twice before the age of 2 years old.**

## THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR FREE:

### Lead-Paint Testing

A certified Lead Inspector will test for lead paint throughout your home and identify all areas that may be dangerous.

### Home Repairs

The program will hire a Certified Lead Abatement Contractor to repair lead hazards found in your home. Examples of repairs include:

- Repairing and repainting chipping and peeling lead-painted surfaces
- Window and door repair or replacement
- Enclosing exterior trim and components

**Repairs up to \$20,000 will be made at no cost to the owner.**

## HEALTHY HOMES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

A Healthy Homes inspection will be conducted at the time of the lead inspection. Homes may also qualify for an additional **\$5,000** to remediate healthy homes issues. Examples of work covered under healthy homes include:

- Pest control and management
- Cleaning and organizational supplies
- Installation of exhaust fans
- Repairs to stairs and installation of railings
- Removal and replacement of carpet
- Minor structural repairs

## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY:

Please visit: [www.montcopa.org/LHCP](http://www.montcopa.org/LHCP)

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Public Health at 610-278-5117 or email [healthyhomes@montcopa.org](mailto:healthyhomes@montcopa.org).

\*Tenants of rental units are eligible for a \$100 gift card when completed application is approved for program enrollment.