

Lead Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

About Local Lead Inspections

How much can an inspector charge a person to inspect their house?

TLCHD does not set the price an individual can charge for inspections.

Do clearance technicians do just visual inspections?

Clearance technicians are able to perform dust wipes in addition to visual inspections. Scope of practice for each type of inspector can be found at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/-/media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/eh/lead-poisoning-prevention/faq.pdf>

Can soil be covered with concrete? Artificial turf?

Concrete is an appropriate method to control and isolate the hazards. Artificial turf is not really a recommended use. The best way to explain this is that the hazards are already in the soil. Control methods are put in place to isolate the hazards from coming through. Artificial turf is just a permeable covering that would allow the hazards to come through.

What does fencing mean?

Fencing is a permanent fixture that keeps the bare soil from being accessed by children. Permanent fixtures such as landscaping and fencing can be put in place as long as they prevent the bare soil from being accessed by anyone.

What if the paint chips found in the soil are latex and not lead-based paint?

This ordinance does not call for testing of the paint chips. All paint chips are presumed to be lead-based paint, and would fail a visual inspection. All paint chips need to be removed prior to the visual inspection.

Do dust wipes need to be sent in? Or can you tell right away?

Dust wipes need to be processed at an ODH-approved laboratory. The listing of approved laboratories can be found at: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/lp_prev/lp_list1.aspx There is no way to visibly tell if dust collected from a sample contains lead. This is why an approved lab must analyze and process it.

Are there enough laboratories in the system to keep up with the influx of inspections?

To date, there are 13 approved laboratories for lead environmental testing.

How long does it take to get the dust wipe results back from the laboratory?

Dust wipe samples can take anywhere from 3-7 days, depending on the lab and the requested time from the inspector. Quicker timeframes are available, however they usually consist of a higher charge.



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On a re-inspection, do you have to do everything over again?

Only the portions of the inspection that have failed are to be re-inspected.

What is the recommended cleaning agent? Especially with hardwood floors?

Any all-purpose cleaner is recommended (e.g. Spic n’ Span, Simply Green, 409).

What is an affordable source for a HEPA vacuum?

Vacuums that originally contain HEPA filters and have replacement bags should be sufficient. There are a number of brands/manufacturers that are sufficient.

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Fein Power Tools 800-441-9878 www.fein.com	Festool USA 888-337-8600 www.festoolusa.com	Hilti 800-879-8000 www.us.hilti.com
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Where are dust wipes being taken from within the house? Are inspectors doing dust wipes on floors?

Dust wipe samples may be taken on window sills, window wells, and floors at the discretion of the inspector.

What does TLCHD need to certify a house “lead safe”?

The TLCHD needs to have the inspection paperwork from the Local Lead Inspector, the completed application from the property owner, and the processing fee of \$45 per housing unit.

As we receive additional questions, this listing of FAQs will be updated.

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