



# Worcester Lead Action Collaborative (WLAC)

*Working Together  
For Safe Homes and Healthy Children*

**Protect your family from lead dust!  
Test your child. Test your home.**

Children can get lead in their bodies by swallowing or breathing lead dust. Lead in the body can

- hurt a child's brain, kidneys and nervous system.
- make it hard to learn, pay attention, and behave.

**Ask your doctor to test your child for lead at ages 1, 2, 3 and 4.**

**Have your home tested by a licensed lead inspector.  
Call the City of Worcester Lead Program for more information (508) 799-8589.**

**For more information, contact  
Steve Fischer, WLAC Coordinator at  
The Regional Environmental Council  
(508) 799-9139 or [wlac@recworchester.org](mailto:wlac@recworchester.org)  
[www.recworchester.org](http://www.recworchester.org)**



The Worcester Lead Action Collaborative (WLAC) is coordinated by the Regional Environmental Council of Central Massachusetts (REC).

## ***Local Resources***

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### **Test Your Child.**

All children should be tested for lead poisoning at ages 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Ask your doctor to test your child for lead. If your child does not have a primary care physician call:

- Family Health Center of Worcester: 26 Queen St. (508) 860-7700
- Great Brook Valley Health Center: 19 Tacoma St. (508) 852-1805

### **Test Your Home.**

If you have a child under the age of 6 living in your home, call for a free lead inspection:

- Worcester Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program: (508) 799-8589

Find out if your home has ever been tested for lead:

- Massachusetts Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:  
1 (800) 532-9571

If you rent your home, ask your landlord to hire a licensed lead inspector. If you are not sure how to ask, we can help:

- Central Mass Housing Alliance: (508) 791-7265

### **Test Your Soil.**

Test for lead in your soil and learn what you can do about it:

- Worcester Roots Project: (508) 753-9121

### **Know Your Rights.**

The Lead Law protects children under 6 years old who live in a home built before 1978. If there is a problem with lead paint in the home, the owner (or landlord) must fix it. A landlord cannot threaten to evict you, raise your rent, or refuse to rent to you because of lead paint. If you have a legal problem related to lead paint discrimination, contact:

- Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts: (508) 752-3718

### **Homeowners and Landlords.**

Take a class and learn how to get some of the lead out of your home:

- Worcester Community Action Council: (508) 754-1176, x157

Info on grants for removing lead based paint:

- Worcester Lead Paint Abatement Program: (508) 799-1400, x261



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