



Tips for Living with Lead in Your Home – SOIL/DUST

- Remove paint chips from the soil. Plant flowers or bushes and put mulch around the house to minimize lead hazards along the drip-line. Plant grass on areas of bare soil or cover the soil with grass sod, mulch six inches thick, or wood chips.
- Prevent children from playing in bare soil, especially close to old houses and near roadways with heavy traffic. If possible, provide them with sandboxes. Cover sandboxes when not in use.
- Make sure children wash their hands immediately after playing outside and remove their shoes before entering the house. Bathe them as soon as possible.
- Do not grow fruits or vegetables in lead-contaminated soil. Using a container garden is a good alternative. Mississippi State University has a soil testing lab to ensure the soil is not toxic for growing food.



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