

Lead Education and Prevention Program

Lead poisoning is a serious but preventable disease that affects the development of a child, and can cause speech, hearing, learning and behavior problems. A lead-poisoned child usually has no symptoms; a blood test is the only way to determine the level of lead in the body.

Lead dust causes more lead poisonings than any other lead exposure. It is hard to see, because lead dust particles are of microscopic size. Most homes built before 1978 contain lead dust.

Lead poisoning is preventable. Learning about the various sources of lead and eliminating exposure is critical. Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County offers a variety of lead educational programs. The following lists some ways to help people learn more about lead.

Lead Safe Work Practices trainings, designed for contractors, maintenance workers, and do-it-yourself homeowners teaches participants the appropriate procedures and methods to use when remodeling, renovating, and repairing in the home.

Lead Product Recall Notebooks have been developed that identify products containing lead that have been recalled. Numerous children's toys, jewelry, and play items are all listed.

Healthy Neighborhoods Program home visits provide preventive environmental health education in targeted geographic homes in Albany County. Educators from Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County conduct home visits offering education and free handouts-(cleaning supplies and resource information) focusing on lead awareness and prevention.

Lead information, including activities for children, and nutrition and gardening resources related to lead is also available.

There is no charge for any lead related program or information. Visit Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County's website for more information or call Nancy at 765-3521.



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