

# BRATENAHL VILLAGE

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### ALL CONTRACTORS

#### **SUBJECT: RESIDENTIAL UNITS/CHILD OCCUPIED FACILITIES BUILT BEFORE 1978**

In March 2010 the Village of Bratenahl was notified by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health that the new EPA Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule ( RRP) was going into effect on April 22, 2010.

This federal law requires contractors performing renovations, repairs and painting projects in homes, child care facilities or schools built before 1978, to be certified by the EPA in lead safe work practices to prevent lead contamination. A one -day class will certify your renovators for five years.

Common renovation activities such as sanding, cutting, and demolition may create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which is harmful to children and adults. To protect against this risk, the EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning.

The requirements apply to renovation, repair and painting activities. The rule does not apply to minor maintenance or repair activities (window replacement is not deemed minor) where less than six square feet of paint is disturbed in a room or less than 20 square feet of paint is disturbed on the exterior.

Again, this rule only pertains to residential units of child-occupied facilities built before 1978.

The law in its entirety and detailed information may be accessed through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency website: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>

Questions can be directed to Stephanie McConoughey, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, 216-201-2001 Ext. 1244 or at [smcconoughey@ccbh.net](mailto:smcconoughey@ccbh.net).

Sincerely,

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