

Spotlight: Protect Your Family from Lead Paint Hazards and Learn About Free Removal Assistance

Homes built before 1978 may have a hidden danger: deteriorating lead-based paint. When lead paint breaks down, it creates hazardous dust and soil, which poses serious health risks. Children, pregnant women, and even pets can unknowingly ingest lead particles, leading to lead poisoning, which can cause lasting harm.

To keep your family safe from lead exposure, here are some important steps to follow:

- **Repair deteriorating paint.** Always use lead-safe work practices when disturbing paint that may contain lead. For a qualified service provider, visit www.leadlisting.org.
- **Keep vulnerable individuals away from work zones.** Children and pregnant women should stay clear of renovation areas where lead dust could be circulating.
- **Reduce lead risks at home.** Teach children good hygiene, including frequent hand washing, and discourage them from putting anything but food in their mouths.
- **Clean carefully.** Use wet mops or rags for hard surfaces, and if possible, clean carpets with a HEPA vacuum. Regular household vacuums may spread lead dust further.

Free Home Lead Hazard Removal Program for Orange County Families

To help address the risks posed by lead paint, Orange County has introduced a **Free Home Lead Hazard Removal Program**. This initiative, in partnership with Azure Community Development, the California Department of Public Health, and the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, offers qualified families lead removal services at no cost.

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a child under 6 years old or a pregnant woman residing in the home.
- Live in a home built before 1978, located in Orange County.
- Have a household income at or below the specified limits.

80% AMI	Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Income Limit	\$90,300	\$103,200	\$116,100	\$129,000	\$139,300	\$149,650	\$159,950	\$170,300

If eligible, Azure will provide lead hazard removal services, ensuring your home is lead-safe and protecting your loved ones. If relocation is necessary, costs will be covered to ensure families are not put at risk while lead is removed.

For more information, contact Azure Community Development:

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Lead poisoning is preventable—take action today to safeguard your family and community.

