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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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Hazards Involving Lead Paint Removal

Improper removal of paint containing lead can harm people and the environment. Protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your property by avoiding restricted practices when working with paint which may contain lead (first painted before 1978).

What Practices are Restricted?: (must not be used when working on surfaces that may contain lead)

- Power Sanders or Grinders
- Open Flame/High Heat (1100 degrees F) Removal
- Paint Stripper containing Methylene Chloride
- Uncontained Hydroblasting
- Uncontrolled Abrasive (Sand) Blasting
- Extensive (>2 square feet of total area) Dry Scraping or Sanding

Where Can I Get Further Information?:

Publications:

Lead Paint Safety: A Field Guide for Painting, Home Maintenance, and Renovation Work.
HUD.

Painting Contractor's Guide to Lead Safety. DHS - Occupational Health Branch

Web-sites:

- www.hud.gov/lea
- www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead/index.html
- www.leadshousing.org
- www.childlead.com
- www.nsc.org/ehc/lead.htm
- www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/eh/consumer/consumer_page.htm

Consultants:

A current list of California licensed Inspectors/Assessors, Project Designers, Project Supervisors, Project Monitors, and Workers is available from the California Department of Health Services at <http://www.childlead.com/GENclist.html>, or by calling (510) 622-5006.

Phone numbers:

Lead-Related Construction Information Line: 1-800-597-LEAD (1-800-597-5323)
Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Department: (831) 454-2022