

CLEANING TIPS LEAD CHIPS & LEAD DUST IN YOUR HOME



STEP 1 : Cleaning hard surfaces

Gather Supplies



Disposable plastic gloves
or rubber gloves and
plastic trash bags



Tack cloth, masking
tape or duct tape



One-time use disposable
cloths, sponges or mops



Three buckets and
soap solution

STEP 2: Cleaning

Remove children and pets from rooms being cleaned.
Pregnant women should NOT clean lead hazards.

Start by cleaning the highest surfaces first and work your way to the floor. Start at the farthest corner of the room and work your way to the door.



SOAPY
SOLUTION



PLAIN
WATER



EMPTY
BUCKET

1. Using the **soapy solution**, wipe surfaces with a cloth, sponge, or mop.
2. Rinse the used cloth, sponge, or mop in the bucket with the **plain water**.
3. Squeeze extra water out of the cloth, sponge, or mop into the **empty bucket**.

Repeat these steps until the entire room is clean.

STEP 3: Rinse and repeat

Clean ONE room at a time. Use new cloth, sponges, or mops and fresh soapy and plain water in each room. When finished in each room, empty all buckets. Repeat steps for each new room.

FOR WALL-TO-WALL CARPETING

- Use a HEPA (high efficiency particle air) filter vacuum cleaner. Do not use a common household vacuum.
- Vacuum from top to bottom then left to right.
- Spend at least 10 minutes vacuuming a small area (2 ft x 5 ft).

FOR THROW RUGS OR SMALL CARPETS

- Larger rugs may be steam cleaned.
- Some smaller rugs may be washed in the washing machine, always check the labels.

Do not wash with other clothing, and run an empty washer in between loads.

For more information and resources, contact the Oklahoma Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (405) 426-8311 | Oklppp@health.ok.gov

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