

# Get the **Lead** Out of Newark! Steps to Protect Your Family

Lead poisoning can damage the body and brain of a child, and can create behavior and learning problems. There is no safe amount of lead in a child's body.

**Check your children under 6 years of age for elevated blood lead levels.**

**Do you have a pediatrician?** Ask them to test your child's lead levels.  
**No pediatrician?** FREE lead testing from Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness at 110 William Street, Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Call 973-733-5323  
Learn more: [www.nj.gov/health/childhoodlead/testing.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/childhoodlead/testing.shtml)

## Drink lead-free water

**Check your Address:** The City of Newark has replaced nearly all lead service lines in the city. Learn more about your address here:

[www.newarkleadserviceline.com/check-your-address](http://www.newarkleadserviceline.com/check-your-address)

Contact the Water & Sewer Department at 973-733-6303 or [waterandsewer@ci.newark.nj.us](mailto:waterandsewer@ci.newark.nj.us) for a free lead test.

In older homes, lead may be present in internal pipes and solder.

**Filter:** Newark Department of Water & Sewer can provide free water filters for eligible residents at 239 Central Avenue. Call 973-733-6303. Make sure water filters are certified to remove lead (NSF 53 or 42) Follow instructions to replace the filter cartridge when required.

**Flush:** Run your water for one minute before drinking or cooking if any plumbing contains lead.

Use cold water with baby formula. Clean faucet screens (aerators).

Newark Water Coalition distributes filtered drinking water Tuesday–Saturday. Contact [newarkwatercoalition@gmail.com](mailto:newarkwatercoalition@gmail.com)

- 373 South Orange Ave: **Tuesday & Wednesday** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., **Thursday** 1 p.m. – 9 p.m., **Friday** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., **Saturday** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- St. Stephen's Church: **Saturday** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## Check for lead paint inside your home built before 1978

The following offer FREE paint lead testing and support to fix problems found.

- **Newark Department of Health and Community Wellness:**  
Call 973-733-5323 or email [MENSAHF@CI.NEWARK.NJ.US](mailto:MENSAHF@CI.NEWARK.NJ.US)
- **La Casa de Don Pedro:**  
Call 973-485-0701 x4405 or email [wxleadasst@lacasanwk.org](mailto:wxleadasst@lacasanwk.org)
- **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newark:**  
Call 973-624-3330 x103 or email: [gbernal@habitatnewark.org](mailto:gbernal@habitatnewark.org)
- **United Community Corporation Newark:**  
Call 973-642-0181 x4110 or x5717 or email [nomorelead@uccnewark.org](mailto:nomorelead@uccnewark.org)

**Stay away from chipping/peeling paint** until fixed. Mop and wet wipe the area. Do not dry dust.

# Know Your Rights! The Lead Laws that Matter for You and Your Family!

## Know Your Child's Blood Lead Level!

The law requires that all children between 9–18 months and again between 18-22 months be tested for lead levels. Children three years of age or older must be tested at least once before their sixth birthday, if they had not already been tested at one and two years old.



*If levels are 3.5ug/DL or higher your child has elevated blood lead levels according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) standards. **See the front of this card with information on ways to get your child tested.***

## Keep your drinking water safe from lead!



The law requires that all lead service lines in New Jersey municipalities be replaced with safer lines within 10 years or by 2031. By September 2022, water systems should have provided notice to customers with lead and/or galvanized drinking water service lines.

*If lead levels are above 15 parts per billion (ppb) in your water (equal to 15 drops of water in a 10,000 gallon swimming pool) then you have elevated levels of lead in your water according to the CDC. **See the front of this card with information on ways to test your water and learn about line replacement.***

## Keep your home safe from lead paint!

A 2022 law requires that **all rental properties** be inspected for lead no later than July 22, 2024; then inspected again three years after a lead-safe certificate was issued. During inspection, if no lead-based paint hazards are identified, then the owner of the home receives a lead-safe certification. If hazards are found, then the landlord is required to fix those hazards.

**Ask your landlord if they have a lead safe certificate. If not, reach out to your local Health Department to determine the next steps to protect your home from lead.**

