

## Bucks County Has a New Program to Keep Your Children Lead-Safe

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The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program is completely free for qualified low-moderate income Bucks residents.

Homeowners, landlords, and tenants are all eligible to apply.

The program provides a free lead inspection and risk assessment of your home. If hazards are found, home improvements such as new windows, doors, siding, trim, interior & exterior painting, porch repair, and other home safety measures are provided for free.

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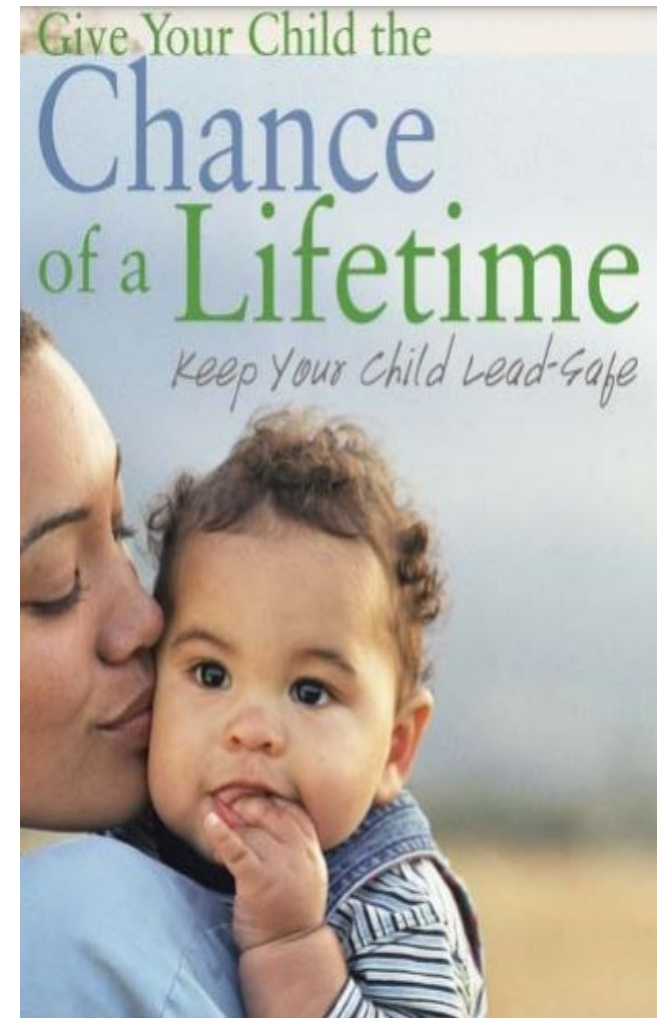


### Bucks County Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program

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Lead paint is an invisible danger. Here are some facts about lead paint poisoning that everyone should know:

- \* Lead paint is still present in millions of homes, sometimes under layers of newer paint.
- \* Lead paint poisoning affects millions of children with some level of irreversible damage, such as lower intelligence, learning disabilities and behavioral issues.
- \* It's not just lead paint chips that poison. Contamination can be caused by only a little bit of lead dust that is easily absorbed by anyone who inhales or ingests it.
- \* The damage caused by lead paint is permanent and can never be reversed.

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## Childhood lead poisoning is a major environmental health problem in the U.S

Children under the age of 6 are most at risk of becoming lead poisoned because of how quickly their brains are developing.

Where does lead poisoning come from?

- \* Before 1978, most paints used in houses and apartments, inside and out, contained lead.

People can get lead into their body if they:

- \* Put their hands or other objects covered with lead dust in their mouths.
- \* Eat paint chips or soil that contain lead
- \* Breathe in lead dust

Children are more likely to be affected by lead dust because they are more likely to put their hands or other objects in their mouths.

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Even low levels of lead in children can cause:

- \* Speech, language, and behavior problems
- \* Brain damage
- \* Developmental delays
- \* Hearing Problems
- \* Anemia
- \* Nervous system and kidney damage
- \* Learning disabilities, attention-deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence
- \* Decreased muscle and bone growth
- \* Seizures
- \* Constipation, abdominal pain, vomiting
- \* Weight loss, loss of appetite

Elevated Blood Lead Levels are associated with delinquency and increased school drop-out rates.

In rare cases, ingestion of lead can cause seizures, coma and even death.

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Lead poisoning has been identified as the No. 1 preventable environmental threat to children in the U.S.  
If your home was built before 1978, there is a good chance it has lead-based paint.

# Give Your Child the Chance of a Lifetime



Even low levels of lead in the blood of children can result in:

- \* Speech, language, and behavior problems
  - \* Brain and nervous system damage
  - \* Developmental delays
- \* Learning disabilities, ADD, and decreased intelligence

Qualified Bucks Residents can receive Improvements to homes including new windows, doors, siding, trim, interior & exterior painting, porch repair, and other home safety measures.



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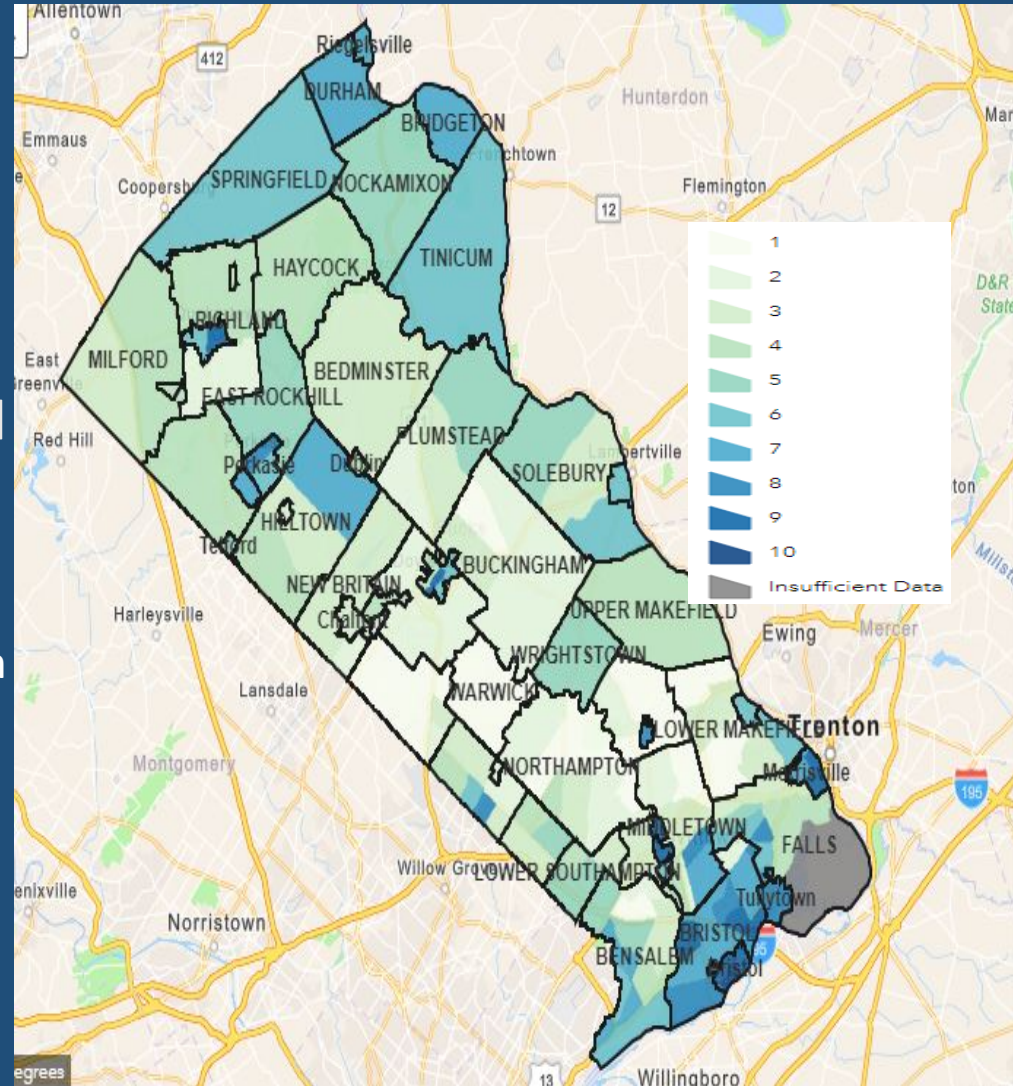


# Bucks County Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grant Program

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- Bucks County has received a \$1.5 million grant from HUD intended to eliminate lead paint hazard from low income households with children under 6 and pregnant women.
- Homeowners, landlords, and tenants are all eligible to apply.
- Qualifying Bucks County families can receive a full lead risk assessment of their home, as well as an abatement plan and abatement services.
- Improvements to homes often includes items such as new windows, doors, siding, trim, interior & exterior painting, porch repair, and other home safety measures, up to \$20,000 of improvements.

- Elevated Blood Lead Levels have been shown to cause children permanent brain and nervous system damage, learning and behavioral problems, lower IQ, and are associated with higher school drop out rates and delinquency. The effects of lead are irreversible