

Network staff has worked hard to compile a compendium of resources on lead so you can know your risks, know your rights, and know what you can do if lead impacts you. Below you will find five different sections, with different tools for different perspectives. Remember, Network staff is always here to answer any comments or questions you have, and to help you if you face roadblocks on your journey to make places lead-safe.

History and Overview

[Childhood Lead Poisoning Fact Sheet - HCDNNJ](#) – Here is the Network’s own Childhood Lead Poisoning Fact Sheet covering the basic you-should-knows of lead poisoning.

[Childhood Lead – NJ Department of Health](#) - The New Jersey Health landing page for all things Childhood Lead. This resource covers prevention, testing, data, resources and education materials, and Department of Health environmental resources. It also includes educational graphics in a variety of different languages for clients.

[VIDEO - Lead Exposure Pathways and Mitigation of its Effects - Center for Disease Control](#) - This 25 minute presentation is valuable to community developers, parents, health professionals, educators, and anyone invested in avoiding lead poisoning. It provides an overview of causes, effects, symptoms, and risks. You can watch it yourself, or share it with friends, staff, school officials and more.

[VIDEO – Lead: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver \(HBO\)](#) – A humorous but informative video for people looking to educate an audience about the history, risks, and advocacy needed around lead.

[Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Act](#) – This is the federal law mandating landlords and sellers of properties built before 1978 to disclose all known lead hazards that exist or existed.

Health Problems Caused by Lead ([for Adult Workers](#)) ([for Children](#)) – Center for Disease Control – Both of these resources cover the risks, warning signs, and impact of lead on people. The former covers adult workers’ risks and symptoms where the latter talks about the unique impacts of lead on children. It is important to know how warning signs differ by age group.

[The Long, Ugly History of the Politics of Lead Poisoning – Bloomberg CityLab](#) - This 2016 article provides a cursory overview of lead from 1920s American homes, to use in the 1960s, and most recent struggles with lead. It examines how lead poisoning has been discovered and confronted over the last 100 years.

[Lead Test Kits - US EPA](#) - For homeowners or renters who want to execute their own lead tests, this webpage discusses the three EPA-recognized Lead Test Kits and how to acquire them.

For renters and homeowners

[Lead Safe Renovations and Repairs - NJ Poison Control Center](#) - This webpage includes guides from the Environmental Protection Agency on how to safely go about home renovations or repairs. Particularly in homes built before 1978, particulars of lead can be released into the air during home projects. Since people are home more than ever, this is important more than ever.

[Tenants' Rights in New Jersey: A Legal Manual for Tenants in New Jersey 2020 - Legal Services of New Jersey](#) - This "Know Your Rights" booklet covers tenant rights when it comes to lead hazard presence in the home. Please see pages 45 - 47.

[List of Certified Lead Abatement Contractors – NJ Department of Community Affairs](#) - Here is a list of Certified Lead Abatement Contractors, as declared by the NJDCA. This includes whether they serve, residential, public buildings, and/or commercial buildings and superstructures. This list is current as of May 2020.

[Information for Tenants on Regulations for Lead-Safe Maintenance - NJ Department of Community Affairs](#) - This simple document provides an overview for families in multi-family housing. This document covers rental properties exempt from lead regulations, landlord obligations, precautionary measures, and duration of lead remediation jobs. Additionally, it provides a reference number if a landlord fails to respond to requests for the correction of deteriorated paint. "If your landlord fails to respond to your requests to correct deteriorated paint, contact the Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Housing Inspection at **(609) 633-6219**."

[New Jersey Drinking Water Watch](#) - This system allows you to enter your Public Water System Identification Number (PWSID), Water System Name and Type, to see if lead (or other hazards) may be present in your water. Also, if you do not know your PWSID, it allows you to find it before searching.

[Lead Assistance Programs – NJ Department of Community Affairs](#) - This webpage breaks down two programs available to those who have lead paint hazards in their home. First, the State Lead-Safe Home Remediation Program and the second is HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program. Both of these programs serve low-to-moderate income families, living in homes built before 1978. There are restrictions based on geographic location. For more details on eligibility, and to apply if you believe you (or a client) is eligible click through the link. **Network staff are also here to assist should you face any road blocks or confusion.**

[Where are the lead service lines in New Jersey? - NJ Future](#) - This source provides a visual of areas potentially impacted by lead service lines (water pipes which contain some amounts of lead). It breaks down where these are concentrated, see if your home, office, or school is impacted.

[How to Test Paint with a DIY Lead Test Kit - Consumer Report](#) - Although it is always best to have a professional test for paint, this is not always feasible. This guide helps those expecting children, with children, or who are just looking to know if their house has lead, how to test for lead using the three EPA recognized home test kits. For more information on how accurate these tests are, and how to best execute a test, click on the above link.

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[Real Estate Disclosures about Potential Lead Hazards - US EPA](#) - This "Know Your Rights" webpage from the EPA covers the rights of homebuyers, renters, as well as the responsibilities of property managers, landlords, real estate agents, and homesellers.

For Advocates

[Strategic Plan to End Childhood Lead Poisoning: A Blueprint for Action - Green & Healthy Homes Initiative](#) – This 2016 comprehensive report provides thorough and progressive policy recommendations at both the State and Federal Level. It provides a framework for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and more. Furthermore, it suggests what the role of the private sector and philanthropic organizations should be in response to the crisis.

[Lead-Safe Homes, Lead-Free Kids Toolkit - US HUD](#) - HUD-assisted housing is legally obligated to be quality, affordable, and lead-safe. In this document, HUD lays out its priorities to promote lead-safe housing to have lead-free kids. A summary of their four main priorities are as follows: (1) improving the process of identifying and controlling lead hazards, (2) promote cross-sector collaboration, (3) increased resources to families, and (4) researching best practices and where to target federal resources.

[Toolkit to Fund Lead Poisoning Prevention - Green and Healthy Homes Initiative](#) - This webpage is consistently updated with current lead remediation grant opportunities. Additionally, this toolkit includes many strategies and tools (including the Asset and Gap Analysis Tool) to address lead poisoning prevention.

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[Childhood Lead Exposure in New Jersey: 2018 Annual Report - NJ Department of Health](#) - Although it is from 2018, this is the most recently released Childhood Lead Exposure Report. This report covers terms and acronyms, testing procedures, prevalence of elevated blood lead levels, and spotlights on municipalities where the issue is particularly high. This is the core data source for NJ advocates.

[Empower Stakeholders Research - Jersey Water Works](#) - This webpage includes multiple reports on best policies, practices, and programs for addressing structural lead in water issues. These reports outline green infrastructure considerations, a resource guide for advocates, and explains the economic benefit of safe drinking water.

[Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Act](#) – The federal law mandating that landlords and sellers of properties built before 1978 must disclose known lead hazards have existed.

[Lead in Drinking Water: A Permanent Solution for New Jersey](#) - A Report by the Jersey Water Works Lead in Drinking Water Task Force - New Jersey's most up-to-date, comprehensive, and progressive report on lead in drinking water. This report lays out policy recommendations which, if adopted, could "virtually eliminate lead in drinking water in 10 years." While focusing on water, it also addresses lead in paint and soil. **The Network's own Staci Berger participated on the Task Force which created this report.**

[New Jersey Administrative Code 8:51-1.4 \(2020\)](#) - Here is the chapter of the New Jersey Administrative Code regarding health and elevated blood lead levels.

For Parents, Educators, or Paraprofessionals

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[Health Hotline – Office of the Governor](#) - In August of 2019, the Murphy Administration through the NJ Poison Control Center announced a Healthy Hotline for residents with questions about health effects of lead exposure. The hotline is open 24/7 with medical professionals. Assistance is available for 150 different languages. Call the Health Hotline at 866-448-2432.

[Childhood Lead Exposure and Educational Outcomes - National Center for Healthy Housing](#) - Lead exposure, even at low levels, can impact a child's lifelong ability to learn. This issue summarizes the science and impacts of lead poisoning. It also dives into which demographics are most at risk; it finds that children of color and children who are in low- to moderate-income earning families are the most at risk.

[Blood Lead Levels in Children: What Parents Need to Know - HealthyChildren](#) – This is another look at the impacts of lead on children, and measures parents can take to protect their children from exposure. This webpage also includes additional information on lead in water, Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU), and lead screening.

[Protect Your Family from Exposures to Lead - Environmental Protection Agency](#) - This page provides information on sources of lead in your home, how to make your home lead-safe, and how to protect your children as they learn and play - now at home more than ever. It covers the dos and don'ts of repair, renovation, and cleaning. It also includes recommendations for how-to check the condition of the schools and child care facilities your children may frequent.

[Has Your Child Been Tested for Lead Poisoning? - LSNJLAW](#) – This is a great resource for parents, and organizations working with parents. It covers the how and why of lead poisoning and lead testing. Additionally, it provides information for women who may be pregnant.

[Find Out If Your School District Has Lead – NJ Department of Education](#) - Here is a handy tool to help families, clients, and advocates find if there is lead in their schools' drinking water. This includes private schools, charter schools, and other centers of child learning.

For housing and community developers

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[Lead Outreach, Partnerships and Grants - US EPA](#) - This resource provides and overview of outreach campaigns, partnerships, and grants the EPA are in charge of leading. Included therein are opportunities for funding and opportunities for collaboration either nationally or internationally.

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[Lead Paint Grants - grants.gov](#) – This is the official grant portal used by US HUD. Community Developers and municipalities alike can check here often as grants become available for addressing lead and other hazards in the home.

[Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes \(OLHCHH\) - US HUD](#) - This is the central webpage of all lead related resources US HUD has to offer. It includes grants, programs and regulatory support, policy and standards, post-disaster resource, news and updates, research, and opportunities for training.

[Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing \(2012 Edition\) – US HUD](#) - These 2012 guidelines are an update to the 1995 edition; these are the most up-to-date guidelines. These guidelines complement regulations elsewhere issued by HUD, US EPA, OSHA, and the CDC. They outline guidelines for property owners, landlords, and child-care centers. It offers advice on renovations, inspections, maintenance, worker protection, historic preservation and more. It includes slide shows, tables, and detailed appendices.

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[Drinking Water Grants - US EPA](#) - Each year the US EPA makes funding available through the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation ACT (WIIN Grants). Access this link regularly to view opportunities for water-based lead grants.
