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**Celebrating 5 Years of the
WHO Lead Week of Action**



Shelby County Department of Housing Lead Week of Action Event 2017, United States of America



Written by: Shelby County Department of Housing, United States of America

Shelby County Department of Housing (SCDH) celebrated Lead Poisoning Prevention Week October 23rd - 28th, 2017. Our goals were to provide all of the staff for the Shelby County Government, Memphis, Tennessee and as many as possible residents in Shelby County, Tennessee, information concerning Lead Poisoning and its prevention. The Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) Lead Prevention Program has partnered with us on the Shelby County Department of Housing's HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant since 1994. SCHD helped in the distribution of information concerning lead poisoning during Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

There was a display at both the Shelby County Government East Administration Complex and the Shelby County Health Department buildings. Both complexes and/or building not only contain over 300 staff persons but also daily foot traffic of approximately 1000 public citizens. Tuesday, October 24th at the Health Department and October 26th - 27th at the East Administration Complex for the Shelby County Government, were the dates and place selected for the displays. The dates of the displays were chosen because these traditionally had the highest foot traffic. Both displays provided individuals information concerning lead poisoning, and the services each Department provides the public. Over 1200 individuals viewed the displays and over 300 individuals received information



concerning lead poisoning in English and/or Spanish. The Housing and Health Departments displays provided adults and children variety of booklets and/or materials, such as, “Learn about Protecting Your Child from Lead”, “About Lead and Pregnancy”, “Your Guide to a Healthy Home”, “Protect Your Child from Lead Poisoning”, “My Book about Staying Safe Around Lead”(coloring book), “Growing up lead-safe - Help Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning” growth chart, and a flyer created by the Housing Department’s staff that provided an over view of the requirements and service provided by the SCDH ‘s, Lead Hazard Control Program. Also, October 26th, 27th and 28th information concerning the importance blood testing, the impact of lead on children under 6 years old, hand washing, working with paint that has lead in it, and the services and requirements of the Lead Hazard Control Program was emailed to over 6000 staff persons for the Shelby County Government.

Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/pyf_color_landscape_format_2017_508.pdf



The following are emails sent to the Shelby County Government Employees



TUESDAY OCTOBER 24TH
GET YOUR HOME TESTED

WHERE IS LEAD IN MY HOME?

Shelby County Office of Lead-Contaminated Dust If your home was built before 1978, there is a good chance it has lead-based paint. In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint, but some states banned it even earlier. Lead from paint, including lead-contaminated dust, is one of the most common causes of lead poisoning.

Occupational Lead

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Lead can be found throughout a child's environment.



- 1 Homes built before 1978 (when lead-based paints were banned) probably contain lead-based paint.
- 2 When the paint peels and cracks, it makes lead dust. Children can be poisoned when they swallow or breathe in lead dust.
- 3 Lead can be found in some products such as toys and toy jewelry.
- 4 Lead is sometimes in candies imported from other countries or traditional home remedies.
- 5 Certain water pipes may contain lead.
- 6 Certain jobs and hobbies involve working with lead-based products, like stain glass work, and may cause parents to bring lead into the home.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Week
October 22-28, 2017

[Get Your Home Tested](#)

[Get Your Child Tested](#)

[Learn about Lead in Drinking Water](#)

[Understand the Facts](#)

SHELBY COUNTY HOUSING
1075 Mullins Station
Memphis, TN 38134
901-222-7600

For an application:
Safranski Durr
901-222-7603



**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25TH
GET YOUR CHILD TESTED**

HOW CAN MY CHILD HAVE LEAD EXPOSURE?

Lead is a toxic substance that may be present in dust, paint, soil and drinking water. When ingested or inhaled as dust, lead poses a serious health risk to young children. Low levels of lead exposure can cause nervous system and kidney damage, learning disabilities, poor muscle coordination, slower growth, hearing losses and also speech. Fortunately, there are simple ways to assess lead risks and protect your child's health.

Lead poisoning is 100% preventable.

Take these steps to make your home lead-safe.

-  **Talk with your child's doctor** about a simple blood lead test. If you are pregnant or nursing, talk with your doctor about exposure to sources of lead.
-  **Talk with your local health department** about testing paint and dust in your home for lead if you live in a home built before 1978.
-  **Renovate safely.** Common renovation activities (like sanding, cutting, replacing windows, and more) can create hazardous lead dust. If you're planning renovations, use contractors certified by the Environmental Protection Agency (visit www.epa.gov/lead for information).
-  **Remove recalled toys and toy jewelry from children and discard as appropriate.** Stay up-to-date on current recalls by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website: www.cpsc.gov.

Fight Lead Poisoning with a Healthy Diet

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/pyf_color_landscape_format_2017_508.pdf

Download an educational coloring book

https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/coloring_book/Coloring_Book.pdf

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Child Testing: Health Dept
Betsy Shockley

901-222-9492



THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH
LEARN ABOUT LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

HOW CAN MY CHILD HAVE LEAD EXPOSURE?

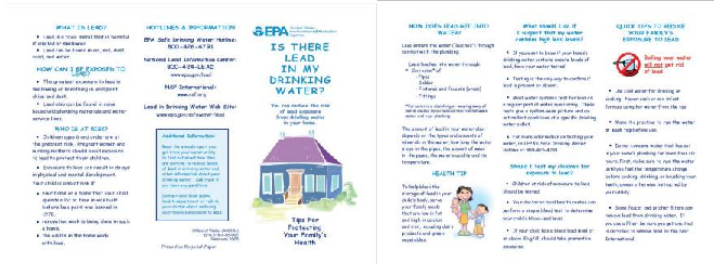
The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures. Measures taken during the last two decades have greatly reduced exposures to lead in tap water. These measures include actions taken under the requirements of the 1986 and 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act

(http://www.epa.gov/sdwa) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule (http://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/lead-and-copper-rule)

Even so, lead can be found in some metal water taps, interior water pipes, or pipes connecting a house to the main water pipe in the street. Lead found in tap water usually comes from the corrosion of older fixtures or from the solder that connects pipes. When water sits in leaded pipes for several hours, lead can leach into the water supply.

Steps to take if you are not sure if there is lead in your pipes: Before using any tap water for drinking or cooking, flush your water system by running the kitchen tap (or any tap you take drinking or cooking water from) on COLD for 1-2 minutes.

Children and Pregnant women are especially vulnerable to the effects of lead exposure. Therefore, for homes with children or pregnant women, CDC recommends using bottled water or water from a certified filtration system for cooking, drinking and baby formula preparation.



You can contact MLGW for water testing supplies

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Safranski Durr
901-222-7603
MLGW Water Lab
901-320-3962



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017
UNDERSTANDING THE FACTS

Shelby County Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Program

Shelby County Housing has administered grants through HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes since 1994.

- We assist owner-occupied and rental units built prior to 1978
- There must be children under the age of six living or spending a significant amount of time at the home.
- Occupants must meet income guidelines.

Occupants must meet the following income guidelines:

Persons in Household - Income must not exceed

1 - \$33,600	5 - \$51,850
2 - \$38,400	6 - \$55,700
3 - \$43,200	7 - \$59,550
4 - \$48,000	8 - \$63,400

- Your home is tested for lead hazards and other health hazards. Your home will be safe from these hazards.
- All work completed is in the form of a grant.

You do not pay back any money for this work to be completed.

- Your children should be tested for lead in their blood. Contact Shelby County Health Department for free testing.



Before and after picture of a completed unit

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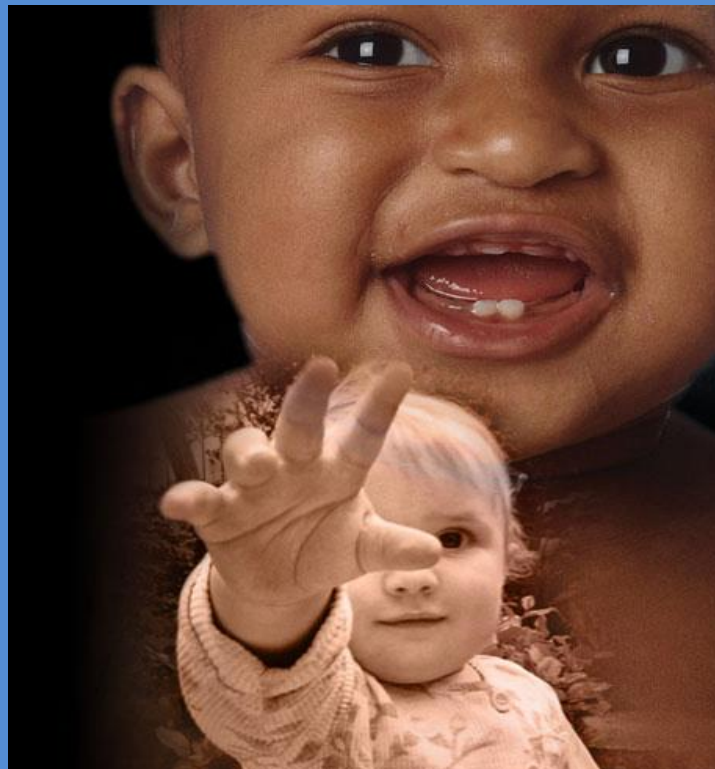
For blood testing:
Betsy Shockley
901-222-9492



Shelby County Department of Housing

Lead Hazard Control Program

Making houses lead safe for our children is our mission



**Together we can create an environment that is
Healthy and Lead Safe for our children.**