

How to Clean Lead Dust from Hard Surface Floors

Supplies Needed: Mop with disposable cloths, duct tape, garbage bag, and disposable gloves.
Do not use a broom to sweep possible lead dust. It may spread lead dust around your home.

1. Put on disposable gloves.



2. Attach a new wipe to the mop.



It is important to use a wet cleaning method with a disposable wipe. This allows the wipe to capture the lead dust, and then the wipe can be thrown away to remove the lead dust from the home.

3. Mop the floor.



Slowly move the mop in a vertical "S" motion across the floor. Then mop the floor a second time, moving the mop in a horizontal "S" motion.

4. Toss the wipe.

Throw away each wipe after one use.

5. Mop again.

Mop the same area with a clean wipe until the wipe is noticeably cleaner.

6. Repeat.

Repeat these previous steps to clean all the hard floors in your home.

7. Take off gloves & throw them away.



After the window is cleaned, remove gloves by turning them inside out. This traps any lead dust that may be on them. Throw them away.

8. Seal the trash bag.



The trash bag needs to be carefully sealed so it won't release lead dust. Slowly cinch the top of the trash bag together, then twist it. Fold the twist in half and use tape around the twist to seal the bag. Throw it away in an outside trash can or dumpster.

9. Wash your hands.

Always wash your hands after cleaning any possible lead hazard. Use soap and warm water, scrubbing your hands for at least 30 seconds.



Other things you can do:

You can use a special type of vacuum cleaner called a HEPA vacuum to remove paint chips and dust from your home. HEPA vacuums have a special filter that prevents the spread of airborne dust. Call the SSCCH Lead Program (414-897-5592) to have someone come to your home with a HEPA vacuum, or you can borrow one from the City of Milwaukee Health Department (414-286-3451.)



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RESOURCES

City of Milwaukee Health Department
 National Lead Information Center Hotline
 Milwaukee Lead Asbestos Information Center

414-286-2165
 1-800-4-24-LEAD (5323)
 414-481-9070

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