



Burlington Lead Program
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What to Expect from the Burlington Lead Program (BLP) for Tenants

The Burlington Lead Program (BLP) addresses lead-based paint hazards in residential properties in Burlington and Winooski. Lead hazard reduction projects create lead-safe and healthy housing units. The full process typically takes 6 months from start to finish and we need your cooperation to ensure a successful project. This list details what you can expect during the project:

1. After your unit has been qualified by a Lead Program Specialist, you will be contacted by BLP's environmental testing consultant - ATC. The testing consultant will need to enter your unit to test all painted surfaces of the building. This will include interior, exterior and any common areas. You do not need to be present for testing; arrangements can be made with your landlord for access to your unit. Testing may take up to 4 hours.
2. You will be sent a copy of the testing report and a report titled "Hazards of Immediate Concern." The testing report details where lead paint is and is not found in the building. This report also includes results of dust-wipe samples. The "Hazards" report sums up these findings to tell you which areas in your apartment you should be concerned about and how you can keep your family lead safe prior to the lead hazard reduction work.
3. A BLP project manager will contact you and/or your landlord to set up a risk assessment site visit. The project manager will need to enter your unit to check the testing report and to begin formulating a scope of work for the lead hazard reduction project. This visit takes about one hour.
4. After the project manager writes the scope of work, a bid walk-through with the contractors will be scheduled. We will need to enter each unit. This visit will take about ½ hour per unit.
5. After the contract is awarded and if we're replacing windows, the contractor will need to access the inside of the unit to measure the window openings. This visit will take about ½ hour.
6. Windows arrive about 6 to 10 weeks after ordering. A project start date will be coordinated with the arrival of the windows, as well as with the contractors and tenants schedules.
7. BLP's relocation specialist will contact you to discuss temporary relocation options. You will have to leave your unit for approximately two weeks for your own safety while the lead hazard work is being done. Relocation issues and concerns will be addressed and details finalized in advance of the project start date.
8. BLP's project manager will schedule a packing visit with you approximately two weeks before the work in your unit starts. You will need to take down curtains, blinds and any personal items on the walls. Typically you will be asked to move your belongings to the center of each room. Most tenants will not need to remove items from the unit. If the moving process is more demanding (i.e. if flooring is being replaced), we will hire movers and rent on-site storage containers. Boxes and tape can be provided by BLP upon request.
9. You will need to relocate the day before the lead hazard reduction work in your apartment begins. You must stay completely out of your apartment the entire time the interior work is being done. Remember to take everything you will need with you. Your apartment will be tested for lead dust after the work is done to make sure that it is safe to move back in. BLP staff will let you know when it is safe to move back in.

10. When you return to your unit you may notice that some areas have been primed but not painted. It will be your landlord's responsibility to do finish painting inside your unit. Please note that the Burlington Lead Program does not supply screens for windows (unless screens are removed as part of the Lead Hazard Control project). Generally, property owners are responsible for screens.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 802.865.LEAD (5323) or email sdurmick@burlingtonvt.gov. Thank you for participating in the Burlington Lead Program!