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LEAD SAFE EXTERIOR PAINT STABILIZATION

Preparation:

- Determine if weather conditions are appropriate (no sustained winds >20 m.p.h.)
- Notify the residents that paint stabilization will be taking place. Explain to them that it is very important that they **keep windows closed** and **stay out of the work area**. Leave written notice on their doors if they are not home. Consider notifying neighbors if other homes are close by.
- Move toys and all other moveable items well clear of the work area.
- Cover any sandboxes or vegetable gardens in the vicinity of the work area.
- Tape 4 or 6 mil polyethylene sheeting (poly) to foundation and extend out at least 10 feet. Weigh down ends of poly.
- Restrict access to work area with yellow tape or other device.

Safe Work Practices:

ABSOLUTELY NO WATER BLASTING; POWER WASHING; POWER SANDING; BURNING; DRY SCRAPING, DRY SANDING or GRINDING

- Minimize dust generation by **lightly misting** area just prior to scraping. Do not saturate with water, as this will lead to gouging of the clapboards.
- After deteriorated paint has been removed, use wet sandpaper or scraper to **smooth rough edges**, lightly misting as necessary to keep down dust.
- Workers should consider wearing disposable coveralls, but at least should have “work” clothes that are removed prior to leaving the job site.
- Do not smoke, eat, or drink anything in the work area. Leave work area and wash hands thoroughly.

Clean Up:

- Clean the work area often, using a HEPA vacuum if available.
- Dispose of debris in doubled garbage bags. Place garbage in secure area overnight.
- At the end of each work day, thoroughly clean and remove poly. When stabilization is complete, clean and fold poly in on itself and dispose of in a doubled garbage bag.
- Wipe down window wells using wet disposable towels.
- Check area for paint chips that might have fallen near the work area and remove as necessary.
- Remove disposable coveralls and dispose of **or** change out of work clothes before entering vehicles or leaving the job site.

For more information, please call the Burlington Lead Program at (802) 865-LEAD (5323)