

# Burlington's New **LEAD-BASED PAINT** Ordinance

In February 2009, the Burlington City Council approved the Minimum Housing Amendments related to Lead Paint. This ordinance gives the Burlington Code Enforcement Office explicit authority to ensure compliance with existing Federal and State laws. Code Enforcement inspectors will check for compliance with all requirements noted below in both rental and non-rental housing and will issue orders for compliance. What is stated below is a summary of the approved Lead Ordinance. For a more detailed explanation visit the CEDO website at [www.cedoburlington.org](http://www.cedoburlington.org).

## The following activities are prohibited on ALL pre-1978 dwellings:

- Dry scraping
- Open flame burning
- Uncontained power washing
- Heat guns over 1100° F
- Uncontained sandblasting
- Chemical stripping using products with methylene chloride
- Power sanding (unless fitted with HEPA filter)

## If you own pre-1978 RENTAL housing units, you must do the following:

- Must be free of deteriorated painted surfaces (exterior free from visible paint chips)
- Must use Lead Safe Work Practices if disturbing more than 1 ft<sup>2</sup> of painted surfaces
- Coil stock window wells
- Perform annual visual assessments and repair any areas (interior and exterior) using Lead Safe Work Practices followed by proper cleaning
- Post City Notification Poster prior to disturbing more than 1 ft<sup>2</sup> of exterior painted surfaces
- Proper cleaning at tenant turnover and annual cleaning of common areas
- Post a State of Vermont EMP poster and Disclose to tenant any known Lead-Based Paint activity
- Provide tenants with appropriate EPA brochure
- Complete State of Vermont Compliance Statement and submit to the VDH, tenants and upon request the Code Enforcement Office

For general questions about minimum housing (rental property) requirements and inspections, please contact the  
Code Enforcement Office at (802) 863-0442.