

Cleaning Areas Without Carpets

Wet cleaning

Wet cleaning should be used for all non-carpeted surfaces, including; wood floors, window sills, window wells, counters, radiators and all of your child's toys. Toys can be cleaned in the sink or tub. For other surfaces, use the steps below:

Step-by-step

1. Fill one bucket with all-purpose cleaner & water, and another bucket with plain water. Use a separate or new rag for each bucket.
2. Wet a clean rag or paper towel with the cleaning solution in the first bucket. Squeeze out excess water and wipe the surface.
3. Using a different cleaning rag or paper towel from the second bucket, wipe the same surface with plain water.
4. Empty, rinse and refill the buckets for each room.
5. Repeat steps 2 through 5 for all non-carpeted surfaces in all rooms and hallways.



**For more information
contact your local
health department:**

**SALEM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**CHILDHOOD LEAD EXPOSURE
PREVENTION PROGRAM**

856-935-7510 x 8448
110 5th St. Ste 500
Salem, NJ 08079

<https://health.salemcountynj.gov/environmental/>

*For information on
Lead Hazard Evaluation & Abatement:*

NJ DEPT. OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Phone: (609) 633-6224
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http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/codes/offices/leadhazard_abatement.html

*For further information on Children and
Lead in NJ:*

**NJ DEPT. of HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

<http://www.nj.gov/health/childhoodlead/>

*For Information on all things related to Lead visit
the US EPA Lead website:*

<https://www.epa.gov/lead>

**Cleaning Tips for
Reducing
Lead Hazards:**

A Guide for Parents and Homeowners



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**WARNING:
PREGNANT WOMEN MUST
NOT CLEAN UP LEAD DUST!
IT CAN HARM THE
UNBORN BABY!!**



Before You Begin Cleaning!!!

- Remove children, pregnant women, and pets from the rooms being cleaned.
- Wear old clothes and plastic gloves.
- Clean only one room at a time.
- Start with the highest surfaces first and work your way down to the floor.
- Always start at the farthest corner of the room and work your way to the door.



Cleaning tools you will need:

- Plastic or rubber gloves, like those used for washing dishes.
- Plastic trash bags.
- Two (2) or three (3) plastic buckets.
- A spray bottle.
- Lint-free rags or paper towels that can be thrown away.
- Any general purpose cleaning product. **(DO NOT USE BLEACH).**
- Industrial vacuum with a HEPA filter, known as a HEPA vacuum. (NOT a bagless style).



Preparation

- While wearing gloves, remove large paint chips and place them into a plastic trash bag.
- Remove smaller paint chips using the HEPA vacuum.
- If sweeping up paint chips with a broom, mist the paint chips with water from a spray bottle first; then sweep them up and put them into a trash bag.



Cleaning Areas with Carpets and Rugs

Wall-to-wall carpets: Using the HEPA type vacuum, move slowly from top to bottom and left to right. Steam cleaning is also an option.

Area rugs: Using the HEPA type vacuum, fold the rug in half and vacuum the back of the rug and floor normally, then unfold. Do the same to the other half of the rug. Finally, vacuum the top of the rug like normal.

Scatter rugs: Wash scatter rugs in a washing machine. Do not wash anything else with the scatter rugs.