THINGS WE DO TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM LEAD

**PAINT**

- We maintain our home to minimize lead hazards like chipping, cracking or peeling paint.
- We renovate safely. We use contractors certified by the Environmental Protection Agency for lead-safe work practices. Visit [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) for info.

**WATER**

- We use cold water for drinking and cooking, especially when making baby formula.
- We flush our water at the tap before each use and collect the water for non-potable activities. We contact our local water utility to gather more information on suggested flushing times.
- We routinely test our water for lead and if needed, use water filtration devices that have been certified to remove lead at the outlet. Visit: [www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-pou-drinking-water-filters-certified-reduce-lead](http://www.epa.gov/water-research/consumer-tool-identifying-pou-drinking-water-filters-certified-reduce-lead)
- We find out if we have a lead service line and/or lead-containing pipes, fixtures, or solder.

**SOIL/DUST**

- We supply a rough mat at the entrance of our home OR we are a shoe-free child care home.
- We frequently wash hands, especially after coming inside, and before eating.
- We clean floors, window frames, and window sills weekly. Using a damp mop, sponge or paper towel with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner.

**TOYS**

- We Stay up to date on current recalls by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission: [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). We are aware certain children’s products are known to have a higher risk of containing lead, such as cheap children’s jewelry, imported pottery, antique toys and imported toys.

We encourage our parents to have their children tested for lead.

**Contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD OR your local water utility for more information. Parents contact your child’s doctor about a lead blood test.**