CLPPP+ vs. Lead Rental Registry

BCHD has received New York State funding to address childhood lead poisoning for decades. Our existing program is the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP+) The Rental Registry will expand our efforts, but closely aligns with CLPPP+.

	CLPPP+	Rental Registry
Prescribed by Public Health Law	✓	~
Inspections of owner-occupied units	~	×
Inspections of renter-occupied units	/	~
Initial inspection uses visual inspection	/	~
Initial inspection uses dust wipe sampling	X	1
Initial inspection uses XRF machine	/	X
Detected lead hazards require remediation	/	~
Workplan developed by BCHD and property owner	1	~
RRP training provided at no cost	/	~
Up to \$600 in painting supplies provided	1	X
Property clearance uses visual inspection	1	✓
Property clearance uses dust wipe sampling	1	1

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Lead Rental Registry Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is lead?

Lead is a naturally occurring element, but it is toxic to humans. There is no safe level of lead in the human body.

How does lead exposure happen?

Lead dust, not paint chips, is the leading culprit of lead exposure. Repeated opening and closing of windows and doors painted with lead paint generates fine lead dust, which settles on surfaces such as window sills, floors, and nearby objects.

Who is most at risk of lead poisoning?

Babies and young children are at greatest risk of lead poisoning. They put their hands and objects in their mouths more than adults, making them more likely to ingest lead dust. Also, their growing bodies absorb more lead than adults' bodies do. Lead interrupts that growth, causing irreversible damage.

Why is the Lead Rental Registry needed?

Every year, children are poisoned by lead in rental properties in Broome County. By inspecting properties before children are lead poisoned, we can prevent children from being harmed by lead to begin with.

Why inspect a property for lead if no children live there?

Just because a home doesn't have a child in it now, doesn't mean it won't in the future. A couple could have a baby, a grandparent could gain custody of their grandchild, or a person's nieces and nephews might visit often. Inspecting a home before children are in it is the best way to ensure they are safe when they are in it.

What resources are there for property owners who will need to make lead repairs? Broome County Health Department (BCHD)'s HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant can pay for lead repairs for income-eligible occupants. BCHD also offers no-cost Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) training to anyone working on a property under notice for lead hazards.