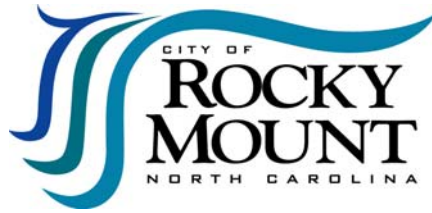


The City of Rocky Mount/DEHC

LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE LEAD HAZARD CONTROL PROGRAM?

The City of Rocky Mount/DEHC's Lead Hazard Control Program is one phase of the City/DEHC's Consolidated Plan. The purpose of the plan is to remove lead-based paint hazards that constitute an imminent threat in homes built prior to 1978 and to protect young children from lead poisoning. The City of Rocky Mount has an on-going commitment to provide decent, safe and affordable housing for its low/moderate income residents.

The main function of the City/DEHC's Lead Hazard Control Program is to provide community awareness/education about the dangers of lead-based paint, and provide free testing and lead hazard reduction for income eligible residents. The program is designed to assist low/moderate income families to reduce the lead hazards in their homes, making them safer for children.

WHO ADMINISTERS THE PROGRAM?

The following Community Development Staff personnel administer the daily administrative operations of the Lead Hazard Control Program:

Deborah Jenkins, Lead Project Coordinator - (252) 972-1145

Vanessa B. McCleary, Community Development Administrator - (252) 972-1101

Kendra Silver, Community Development Administrative Assistant - (252) 972-1346

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

The following criteria are used in determining the eligibility of applicants:

- The household must have a child under the age of six that meets the EPA or HUD definition of child occupation. This rule may be waived as determined by the lead grant program staff in accordance with lead grant program guidelines.
- **The homeowner must complete the Lead Hazard Awareness class.**
- The homeowner must commit to maintaining his/her home in a standard, cleanly and lead safe condition.
- Applicant must be financially stable

The following criteria are used in determining the eligibility of dwelling units:

- The dwelling unit must be located within Nash and Edgecombe Counties.
- The residential structure receiving assistance was built prior to 1978 and contains lead-based paint hazards as identified by a state certified lead risk assessor after conducting a lead inspection and risk assessment.
- The homeowner agrees to correct any other non-lead housing condition(s), which constitute an imminent threat to health and/or safety.
- Property insurance (and flood insurance if located in the 100-year flood plain) must cover dwelling.

WHAT ARE THE MEDIAN INCOME LIMITS USED IN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY?

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximum Income	\$27,950	\$31,900	\$35,900	\$39,900	\$43,100	\$46,300	\$45,500

Dwelling Unit Eligibility

- Dwelling unit located within Nash & Edgecombe County.
- The Dwelling unit must have been constructed prior to 1978.
- Dwelling must be covered by a current homeowner's insurance policy (if located within the 100 year flood plain, Flood insurance will also be required).
- No drug or illegal activity in the last 2 years

Applicant Eligibility

- Must be the legal owner of the property.
- Total household income of the dwelling unit occupants cannot exceed the program guidelines
- Applicant must be financially stable (No late payments on mortgage or back taxes owed)
- **Dwelling unit must be the primary residence for a child(ren) under the age of six. Six hours a week or 60 hours per year for visiting child.**
- Occupants must agree to have child(ren) under the age of six tested for lead poisoning.
- No drug or illegal activity in the last 2 years

- Has not received assistance through the Lead Hazard Control program in the past.

Any owner of a dwelling unit meeting the eligibility criteria defined above shall be eligible to apply for assistance through this program.

Maximum Grant/Deferred Loan

The maximum Lead Hazard Control grant available through this program shall be no more than \$20,000.00 or the lowest responsible bid based on the scope of work by the Community Development Division.

Eligible Costs

Eligible costs are those costs directly related to the correction or abatement of lead-based paint hazards. The costs to repair or correct housing conditions that are causing or creating lead-based paint hazards are also eligible. The \$20,000 per unit limit may be waived by the Community Development Administrator under extenuating circumstances when extraordinary and extensive lead hazard remediation work is necessary such as a case with an elevated blood lead level over 19 ug/dL (micrograms per deciliter).

Eligible Project Improvements

Assistance will be provided for lead hazard reduction activities. Every assisted dwelling unit must at minimum conform to the minimum housing code and the County Health department standards.

Contact

For more information, contact the City of Rocky Mount/DEHC's Lead Hazard Control Program at (252) 972-1100. The office is located on the second floor of the Municipal Administration Building. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.