These cleaning techniques will not remove lead hazards. If you are concerned about lead in your home, contact the Chicago Department of Public Health.

**CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**LEAD DUST CLEAN-UP AND CONTROL**

**TEMPORARY HAZARD REDUCTION**

**SUPPLIES:**

- 2 Tablespoons Automatic Dish washing Soap or Detergent
- 1 Gallon Warm Water in a bucket
- 1 Gallon Warm Water for rinsing
- Disposable rags or paper towels
- Mop
- Latex Gloves
- Scrubber
- Spray bottle (optional)

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:**

1. Start where your child spends the most time.
2. Pick up all clothes and toys and throw away all trash.
3. Put on gloves.
4. Mix soap in the bucket of water.
5. Wipe off window sills, wells, molding and baseboards with soap.
6. Rinse well with clean water and clean rags.
7. Mop floors, steps, comers and under furniture.
8. Rinse well with clean warm water.
9. Repeat steps 6 and 7 as often as needed.
10. Flush all dirty water down the toilet.
11. Wash all toys, blankets, sheets, rugs, curtains, etc.

**Notes:**

1. Always Wet Sweep before mopping by spraying the floor with above cleaning solution or water, and then sweep.
2. **DO NOT** use bleach with soap.
3. Steam Clean or throw away old carpet. (Steam Cleaners can be rented at various grocery or hardware stores.) May need to be done more than once.
PERSONAL HYGIENE

• Wash child's hands and face before eating snacks, meals and before bedtime.
• Keep child's fingernails short and clean.
• Keep child’s hands away from mouth and face as much as possible.
• Wash toys often in warm, soapy water and rinse in clear water.
• Store food in plastic, glass or stainless steel containers. Not in pottery.
• Children should not eat food dropped on the floor or ground.
• Always eat at a table that has been washed before eating.
• Use only cold water to drink or to cook with. Run water for several minutes to remove lead particles.
• Store outdoor toys away from painted building and wash off dust and dirt.
• Wash bedclothes, sheets and pillow covers often.
• Keep “diaper wipe” type cleaners where the child can clean his/her own hands.
• Put a small amount of dish soap in a plastic soap bottle, add water and set on the side of the bathtub for the child to wash his/her own hands.
• Use a vinyl tablecloth or mat on which a child can sit and watch TV or play.
• Do not allow children to chew or suck on toys.
• Keep children away from windowsills, doors, railings and furniture with paint that is peeling, chipping or fading.
• Adults should shower and change before coming home if they work at a job where there is lead exposure.
• Wash baby bottles, pacifiers and “sippy” cups when they have been dropped on the floor.