

Was Your Home
Built before 1978?

Effective April 22, 2010

Replacement Windows and Doors Have New EPA Requirements

On April 22, 2010, the new EPA rules for Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting go into effect. Replacement windows and siding fall under the new rules. The new rules are meant to protect young children and pregnant women from lead poisoning from lead based paints. The new rules require the containment of any renovation related dust and extensive clean up after the project is finished. Windoor Company, Inc's Installation Teams are lead certified. They are fully trained and the company is positioned to be in full compliance with the new regulations.

A large list of training, certification and work practice requirements are called for by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program. The RRP Program takes effect in April 2010. By then, renovation firms must receive EPA certification to disturb lead paint as part of their work in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities. All of these jobs must be supervised by certified renovators; individuals who have completed an EPA-accredited, training course. Plus, other crew members on such job sites must be trained and equipped to follow the RRP Program's lead-safe work practices while performing their work.

This EPA program is a federal regulatory program affecting renovation firms and individual workers who disturb lead base painted surfaces. It includes renovations to residential houses, apartments and child-occupied facilities such as schools and day-care centers built before 1978 and containing lead based paint. Renovation is broadly defined as any activity that disturbs painted surfaces and includes most repair, remodeling and maintenance activities, including window replacement and siding replacement. Under EPA's RRP Program, both construction firms and individual workers who perform (or direct other workers to perform) renovations must be certified by EPA by April 2010. In addition, all crew members must be trained on the lead-safe work practices that they must use when performing their work. The certified renovator is required to ensure that the renovation is performed in accordance with the work practice standards of the RRP Program, among other things. These requirements pertain to warning signs and work area containment, the restriction or prohibition of certain practices, waste handling, cleaning and post-renovation cleaning verification. Be assured that Windoor Company, Inc. is ready, willing and able to do renovation work with homes containing lead based paint. Contract with us and you will know your project will be completed correctly under the new rules.

The new EPA requirements for lead renovation, repair and painting go into effect in April 2010. The rules protect children and pregnant women from exposure to lead created by renovation projects. Windoor Company, Inc. is an experienced lead certified company, which has completed the required worker training. The company is in full compliance and is continuing to contract for lead based replacement window and siding projects under the new rules. Find out more here about the new rules and replacement windows and siding.

Unfortunately, these new requirements necessitate additional precautions, tools, & materials which change the dynamics of our installation for homes built before 1978. All this increases the cost for all of us in the Window & Door Industry which requires us to pass on to the homeowner.