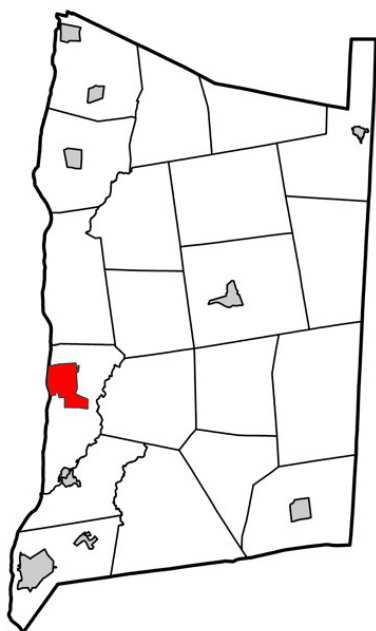


# Dutchess County Lead Rental Registry Removes lead paint hazard in older rental homes.



The New York State Lead Rental Registry (Public Health Law Section 1377) requires property owners (landlords) to inspect and repair lead hazards in communities of concern with the highest rates of childhood lead poisoning and older rental units. In Dutchess County, this is the City of Poughkeepsie. Property owners (landlords) who own buildings with two or more units built before 1980, must comply with this law, even if one of those units is owner or family occupied

## **Peeling and chipping lead paint and dust in older homes are the main sources of childhood lead poisoning.**

Lead poisoning is dangerous for everyone, especially for young children. There is no safe level of lead. Once in the body, lead can cause lifelong brain damage, permanent injury, and disabilities. Peeling and chipping lead paint and dust from homes built before 1980 remain the leading source of lead exposure. These exposures are preventable.



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# How the Lead Rental Registry Works

Rental properties in the City of Poughkeepsie must be inspected for lead. Property owners must fix, certify, and maintain their rental units as free of lead hazards.



## How Inspections Work

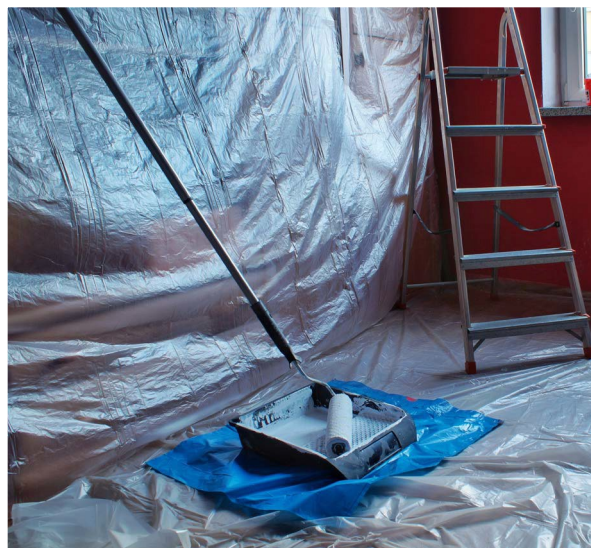
❶ Lead inspections search for indoor, outdoor, and common areas with lead hazards. ❷ Inspectors use dust wipe sampling to find lead-paint hazards. ❸ They also identify bare soils that may contain lead.

## Find it, Fix It

Tenants will need to allow access for property owners to schedule lead inspections and conduct repairs.

Certified lead assessors and contractors must do this work.

Lead hazards found during inspections must be fixed properly under all state, federal, and local laws. You may be asked to cover or remove items from work areas to reduce risks of spreading lead. Property owners also must notify tenants of all findings and activities.



## Tenants, Know Your Rights

You cannot be evicted if the property owner does not comply with the Lead Rental Registry Law requirements. If the property owner takes action against you, notify your local health department and file a complaint with the New York State Attorney General Housing Office.

Find more information at: [dutchessny.gov/rentalregistry](https://dutchessny.gov/rentalregistry) or 845-486-3750.



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