



Ashland County Health Department

Ashland County Health Department offers the following services to any Ashland City or Ashland County resident with high lead levels identified through a blood test.

HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Air) Vacuum Rentals

- HEPA filters on HEPA vacuums capture 99.97% of fine lead dust particles. Traditional vacuums stir up lead dust.

It's important to use HEPA vacuums because less than one gram of LEAD DUST (equivalent to the size of a sugar packet) contaminates an ENTIRE HOME 60 times over!

HEPA Vacuum Loan Agreement Guidelines:

- HEPA vacuum cleaners will be available for pick-up or drop-off **by appointment only** between 8 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact ACHD at 419-282-4231 to schedule an appointment for pick-up or drop-off.
- A \$10 cash deposit is required at pick-up. The deposit will be refunded at drop-off if all pieces are returned and the vacuum is returned cleaned.
- The collection bag must be disposed of by the HEPA vacuum user before returning the vacuum to the health department. Collection bags go out with regular trash.
- HEPA vacuums may be rented for up to one week. Longer periods may be available under special circumstances.
- Failure to return the HEPA vacuum could result in criminal prosecution.

Cleaning Supplies:

- Cleaning supplies such as mops, gloves, etc. are available for lead-affected homes on a limited basis. Please call 419-282-4231 for more information.

Lead Test Swab Kits:

- Easy-to-read, at-home screening kits test surface areas for lead. These free kits are available for pick-up Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm at the health department, 1211 Claremont Avenue, Ashland.

Additional Services:

- A public health nurse may offer nutritional guidance to help lower lead levels and provide clinical coordination of blood testing frequency.

ACHD's public health nurse may also coordinate additional resources through:

- Healthy Start / Healthy Families (Medicaid)
- Iron testing (with appropriate primary care physician guidance)
- Ohio Department of Health's Complex Medical Help (CMH) program
- Ohio Department of Health's Healthy Homes program (for property testing)
- Ohio Department of Health's Help Me Grow program (for ages 3 years & younger)
- WIC (Women's, Infant & Children)