Lead dust cleaning guide

Lead poisoning is irreversible, but 100% preventable. Please contact our Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 315-229-3433 for any questions or concerns regarding safe lead dust cleaning.

1. **REMOVE CLUTTER**
   - Remove all of the clutter around your house including items that have gathered on tables, countertops, floors, sofas, and chairs.

2. **WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR**
   - Wearing gloves while cleaning lead dust is recommended. It is also recommended to wear a facemask that covers the nose and mouth and goggles to protect the eyes.

3. **USE WET WIPING**
   - Use damp cloths or disposable wipes. Be sure to dust the doors, walls, and windows of your home. Pay extra attention to corners, crevices, trim, and molding.

4. **WORK TOP TO BOTTOM**
   - Start at the top and work your way down since the dust will fall. Begin dusting by wiping down your light fixtures and ceiling fans using a clean, damp cloth.

5. **DUST ALL SURFACES**
   - Remove any decorative items from surfaces. Again, be sure to use a damp cloth or disposable wipes.

6. **VACUUM FURNITURE**
   - Vacuum your couch and chairs using a vacuum cleaner equipped with a High Efficiency Particulate Air Filter (HEPA) or an equivalent high efficiency filter.

7. **WASH LINENS**
   - Remove any linens that can be machine washed, such as sheets, pillowcases, or curtains as these items also collect dust over time.

8. **MOP HARD FLOORS**
   - A lot of dust will settle on the floor from the surfaces you have cleaned. Use a Swiffer mop to clean any hard floors, such as hardwood or tile.

9. **VACUUM CARPETING**
   - Clean dust from carpeting using a vacuum with a HEPA filter. Use a hand tool to get into the corners and hard to reach places.