

Semi Annual Lead Training



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What to do with all that money??



- We wanted to be proactive in our department and try to assist homeowners and renters before there was an issue.
- Sent out information make defective areas safe and encouraged children get tested on schedule.





- Invited members of the Stratford Housing Authority in to discuss how they approach renting out units, assess their knowledge of lead paint abatement and lead poisoning.
- Obtained list of all Section 8 housing in town
 - Compared that list to our know leaded properties for the past 10 years
 - We had 2





- **Included the Housing Authority workers to attend our RRP classes**
- **Included all homeowners of section 8 properties to attend the RRP training**
- **We also included all home day owners**



What to do with those old cases



- As many of us do, we meet all required time mandates. The issue for us is getting those older cases closed when the imminent health risk is no longer present.





- Many times the initial work has been done and you are still waiting for that one lower wall in the kitchen to be repaired.
- Without being inside the house, you don't know what is still left to abate. Court is an option but how can you write an affidavit without proof?





- We developed a checklist that easily identifies to the homeowner what is outstanding. It also helps us in determining what to focus on when closing out a case.
- It is sent out every 3 months to homeowners by regular mail.





CERTIFIED LETTER

November 21, 2014

[REDACTED]
Stratford, CT 06615

Re: Lead abatement, Stratford, CT 06615

Dear [REDACTED]

We are in the process of attempting to close out a lead case of the premises owned by you, or under your charge and located at [REDACTED], Stratford, CT 06615.

Pursuant to Section 19a-111-3(f) of the regulations, authority is vested in the local code enforcement agency to issue an order to correct all defective lead-based surfaces requiring abatement and soil areas identified as a source, or potential source for elevated blood lead. As the homeowner, you are required to complete the work in a timely manner.

You have submitted an abatement plan and it was approved by this department. Our records indicate you still need to complete the following work:

- Exterior soil abatement
- Interior lead abatement
- Exterior lead abatement
- Lead management plan

Please contact the Stratford Health Department at 203.385.4090 to update your file and/or schedule an inspection. Failure to do so will result in the matter being referred to the Assistant State's Attorney for legal action. A copy of the order will also be placed on land records.

Sincerely,

Maureen Whelan, REHS
Environmental Health Supervisor

Andrea L. Boissevain, MPH
Director of Health

C: Tim Bishop, Town Attorney
Francesca Provanzano, Health Program Supervisor, CT DPH
Susan Pawluk, Town Clerk



- The next cycle included a line that if they did not respond back to us, the note would be put on the land records. That letter was sent certified and regular mail.
- We have had calls from 2 interested parties since that practice went into place.

