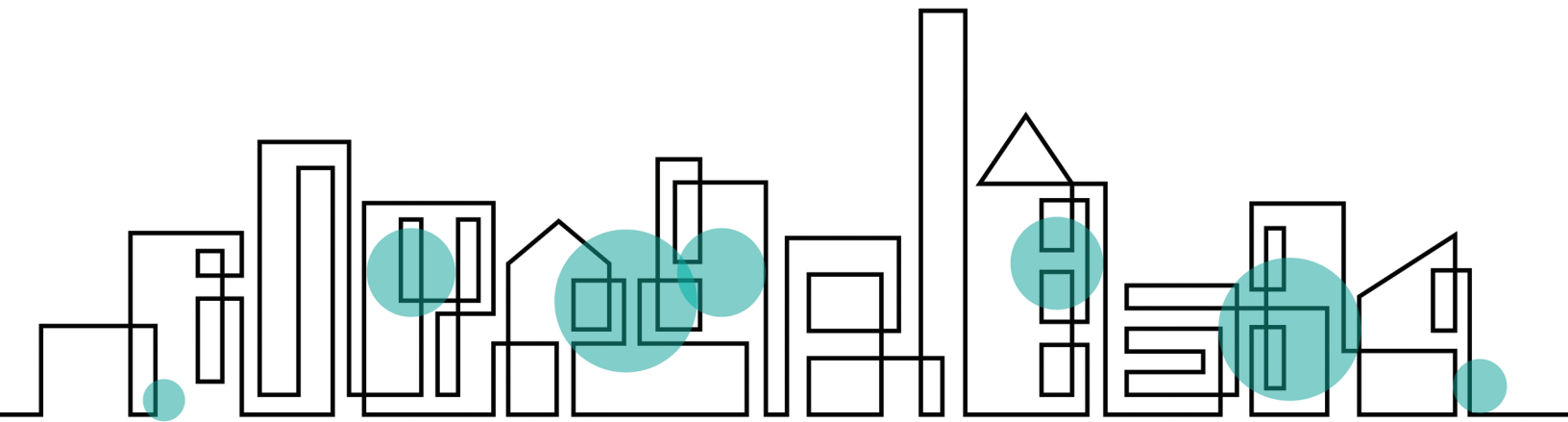

Understanding Lead Abatement

Process, Instructions & Timeline

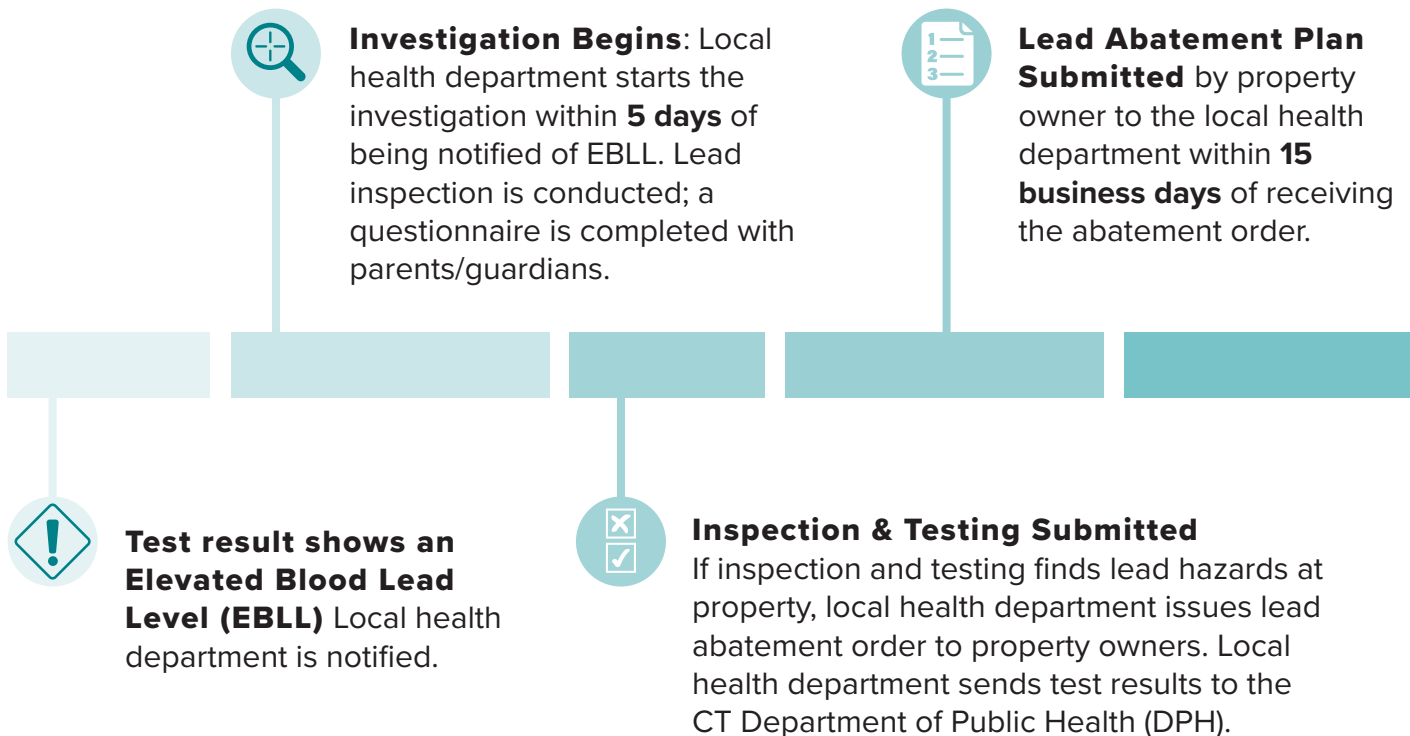




What is lead abatement?

Lead abatement is the process of safely reducing lead hazards, such as chipping and peeling paint, lead dust, and bare soil.

Key Events / Milestones



Lead abatement processes

There are several methods for lead abatement, including the following:

- **Enclosure** is the easiest method. Lead paint is covered with flexible wall covering, paneling or drywall. Enclosure works best on large, flat surfaces that are not likely to touch or rub against other surfaces.
- **Replacement** involves removing the object covered with lead paint and replacing it with new material. It's the best method for doors, windows, and moldings.
- **Liquid Encapsulation** covers and seals lead paint with a special coating. It is less expensive than other methods of abatement, but is not acceptable for surfaces that are likely to rub against other surfaces, like doors and windows.
- **Paint Removal** may be done on or off the work site. On-site paint removal often creates large amounts of lead dust, fumes and mists.



Lead Abatement Begins

Note: Lead abatement should start within **45 business days** of receipt of the abatement order. This may vary due to weather, funding, etc.



All Done!

Letter of Compliance is issued by the local health department within 5 days of verification and completion of lead abatement.



Plan Reviewed by local health department within **10 business days**. Property owner will be notified if the plan is acceptable or if changes are needed.



Dust Wipe Test

The local health department completes clearance dust wipe sampling and a visual inspection at the property to confirm that lead abatement has been completed properly.

Instructions for tenants

- For a child with an elevated blood lead level, a lead abatement process begins - please refer to the timeline in this booklet.
- Have all children and pregnant persons tested for lead poisoning.
- Work with your landlord and the local health department during active lead abatement to keep you and your family safe during this process.

Instructions for landlords

- If a child living in a rental apartment/home has an elevated blood lead level, the local health department will perform a comprehensive lead inspection and issue an order letter to the landlord to correct lead hazards.
- The landlord must then submit a lead abatement plan to the local health department for approval. Once approved, the landlord must complete required lead abatement, most times by hiring a licensed professional lead abatement contractor to fix all lead hazards.

Call your local health department
or visit www.ct.gov/dph/preventlead

