**SAFE CLEANING OF LEAD PAINT CHIPS AND DUST**

**STEP ONE: Prepare Supplies**

**1** Prepare.
Gather rubber gloves, throw-away wipes or towels, garbage bags, spray bottle with soap and water, and mop.

**Put on rubber gloves.**
If you do not have rubber (or disposable) gloves, you will need to wash your hands well after cleaning.

**Use supplies you can throw away.** Use soapy cleaners or products made to remove lead dust.

*Don’t use a vacuum unless it is a HEPA vacuum.* A regular vacuum will spread lead dust into the air. Some health departments have HEPA vacuums available to borrow.

**STEP TWO: Remove Paint Chips**

**2** Remove paint chips.
Window areas and porches often have peeling paint and lead dust. Pick up the paint chips you can see and throw them away in a plastic bag.

**STEP THREE: Wet & Wipe Surfaces**

**3** Always spray window sills with soap and water and wet-mop floors.
Do not use a broom to sweep lead dust. Throw away wipes after cleaning each area.

**STEP FOUR: Mop**

**4** Mop with a disposable mop head or paper towel to wipe away suds.

**STEP FIVE: Clean Often**

**5** Change towels often until no paint chips, dust or dirt can be seen. Put garbage in a plastic bag, and seal with tape or a knot. The sealed bag can be disposed of with normal trash for pickup.

*Repeat these steps weekly,* or when dirt and dust appear on floors, porches, window wells, window sills, stairs or children’s play areas.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/lead or call the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 517-335-8885.