

Regional Update

A Monthly Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia



February 2009

Eastern Shore Lead Safe Homes Program Extended to October 30, 2009

The Eastern Shore Lead Safe Homes Program has been extended until September 30, 2009. The A-NPDC administers the Lead Safe Homes Program to reduce lead hazards in homes where lead paint and soil contamination is suspected. To apply for the program, families must own or rent a home built before 1978, have children under age 6 spending significant time there, and meet HUD income guidelines.



Lead hazard reduction house before rehab

Households with young children need to know that most children who have been lead poisoned show no symptoms initially, but can eventually suffer from abnormal brain development resulting in learning disabilities and behavioral disorders. According to the Eastern Shore District Health Dept. Nurse Supervisor, screening is per-

formed at WIC clinics for children ages 1 and 2, but all caregivers are urged to have children tested by their pediatricians. Lead dust is almost invisible, but can be cleaned effectively using methods recommended by the Health Department.

Services provided by the Program include lead risk hazard assessments, inspection of properties inside and outside, and when hazards are found, hiring contractors certified in lead abatement to reduce hazards. Methods include wet sanding and repainting, repair or replacement of windows, encapsulating components (i.e. using vinyl siding and window wrap), and demolition of deteriorated outbuildings and removal of contaminated soil.



Lead-certified contractor worker

For more information or to apply, call Program Administrator Patti Merritt at 757-787-2936, ext 119. For information on lead poisoning and testing, call the Health Department. at 787-5880 (Accomack County) or 442-6228 (Northampton County).



After rehab

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Tabbi Walker departs after 12 years at A-NPDC

February Calendar of Events

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- Feb. 12 - "Growing Your Money" Classes 6 - 8 p.m. at A-NPDC (5-wk session)
Feb. 16 - Office Closed for President's Day
Feb. 19 - TMDL Public Meeting for Sandy Bottom Branch and Tributary Watershed 6:00 p.m. at Arcadia Middle School
Feb. 19 - "Growing Your Money" Class 6 - 8 p.m. at A-NPDC
Feb. 24 - Eastern Shore of Va. Ground Water Committee 10:30 a.m. at A-NPDC
Feb. 24 - TMDL Public Meeting for Mill Creek and Oyster Harbor 6:30 p.m. at Kiptopeake Elementary
Feb. 25 - Lead Safe Homes Program Management Team 10:30 a.m. at A-NPDC
Feb. 26 - "Growing Your Money" Class 6 - 8 p.m. at A-NPDC
Mar. 4 - Accomack County Regional Water Supply Committee 6 p.m. at A-NPDC
Mar 5 - Northampton County Regional Water Supply Committee 6 p.m. at old Courthouse-upstairs
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Farewell to Tabbi Walker, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Tabbi Walker left the PDC in January 2009 to take a position as a Member Services Representative at Virginia Farm Bureau, Accomac, Virginia. The PDC staff will miss her and wish her well in her employment there.

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