

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY HOME HAS LEAD-BASED PAINT?

Lead-based was banned from housing in 1978. Many homes built before 1978 do have lead-based paint. You can have your home tested for lead by hiring a trained and certified testing professional to do an inspection which will tell you whether your home has lead-based paint and where it is located, and a risk assessment which tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards. There are federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact our Regional EPA Office at (214) 665-7577 for additional information and for a list of contacts in this area.

WHEN IS LEAD-BASED PAINT A HAZARD?

Lead based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition, and not on an impact or friction surface, like a window. Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, or damaged) is a hazard and needs immediate attention. It may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear-and-tear. Lead becomes dangerous when people breathe in lead dust, put their hands or other objects covered with lead dust in their mouths, or eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

ARE THERE LEAD DANGERS OUTSIDE MY HOME?

Lead may also be found in soil around a home. Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources such as past use of leaded gas in cars. Lead in soil can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes.

HEALTHY LIVING AT HOME

Lead-Based Paint Concerns

Answers to your frequently asked questions about lead-based paint in homes and how it can affect your family's health.



article | Jen Zweacker, REALTOR
Zweacker & Associates at Keller
Williams Brazos Valley



For local families by
local families.

brazos & HEALTH
family

**Spring 2010 Issue on
Coming Soon!**

Visit www.bryanbroadcasting.com
to read our latest issue online!

**Mothers are powerful consumers!
Get your ad seen by thousands of area
moms! Call Krista Kizer at (979)
695-9595 to schedule your ad today!**

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF LEAD-BASED PAINT?

Ingesting lead is particularly dangerous to children and women of childbearing age. Children's growing bodies absorb more lead. Under the age of 6, children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead. Even low levels of lead exposure can cause nervous system and kidney damage, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, decreased intelligence, speech, language and behavior problems, poor muscle coordination, decreased muscle and bone growth, and hearing damage. In adults, lead can cause increased chance of illness during pregnancy, harm to a fetus (including brain damage or death), fertility problems (men and women), high blood pressure, digestive problems, nerve disorders, memory and concentration problems, and muscle and joint pain.

SHOULD I HAVE MY CHILDREN TESTED FOR LEAD?

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect high levels of lead. Blood tests are usually recommended for children at ages 1 and 2, and children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead.

HOW DO I ELIMINATE THE LEAD IN MY HOME?

You can temporarily reduce lead hazards by taking actions such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover soil with high lead levels. These are not permanent solutions and will need on-going attention. NEVER use a belt-sander, propane torch, high temperature heat gun, dry scraper, or dry sandpaper to remove lead-based paint. These actions create large amounts of lead dust and fumes. Lead dust can remain in your home long after the work is done. To permanently remove lead hazards, you should hire a certified lead "abatement" contractor. Abatement methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. You will probably want to move your family from the home during the process to prevent anyone from inhaling or ingesting any toxic lead dust or fumes.

All of this information and much more is available in a pamphlet called "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home." You can contact The National Lead Information Center at (800)424-LEAD (5323) for more information.

Jen Zweacker is a Realtor® with Keller Williams Brazos Valley in College Station. For more Real Estate information, contact her at 979-324-4796

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION PROUDLY INTRODUCES THE

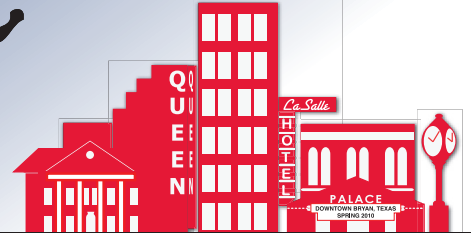


SATURDAY
MARCH 27, 2010
8:00 AM
DOWNTOWN BRYAN



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION'S MISSION TO SERVE THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNITY.

\$25 Registration
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
including registration form, packet pickup,
course map, and timing:
FIND US AT: WWW.JLBCS.ORG



AMERICAN MOMENTUM BANK
BUILDING TEXAS' BANK™



Just a FEW of the homes SOLD by Zweiacker & Associates in 2009

Selling homes 43% faster and for 2.3% more*



Jen Zweacker
(979) 324-4796
Greg Zweacker
(979) 324-4797



Sold at 100% of List Price!
9211 Shadowcrest
Listed at \$173,000



Sold at 99.3% of List Price!
3610 Park Meadow
Listed at \$399,000



Sold at 100% of List Price!
11855 Great Oaks
Listed at \$379,900



Sold in 1 Day!
3923 Wheaton
Listed at \$162,500



Sold in 1 Day!
2917 Camille
Listed at \$409,900



Sold in 8 Days!
4403 Spring Meadows
Listed at \$239,900



Sold at 98.6% of List Price!
3209 Stampede
Listed at \$350,000



Sold at 97.2% of List Price!
17007 Arrowhead
Listed at \$424,500



Sold at 96.8% of List Price!
1302 Markham
Listed at \$172,500



Sold in 14 Days!
120 Walcourt
Listed at \$199,000



Sold in 51 Days!
5107 Whistling Straits
Listed at \$495,000



Sold in 4 Days!
201 Redbud
Listed at \$150,000



Sold at 99.5% of List Price!
2404 Pleasant Rose
Listed at \$159,700



Sold at 98.1% of List Price!
1311 Mullins Loop
Listed at \$154,900



Sold at 100% of List Price!
912 Trellis Gate
Listed at \$129,900



Sold in 2 Days!
1519 Kernstown
Listed at \$142,100



Sold in 4 Days!
2105 Oak Grove
Listed at \$137,500



Sold in 14 Days!
4011 Woodbriar
Listed at \$129,900



www.zarealestate.com



*Based on 2008 statistics