

# TIPS TO CLEAN Lead Chips & Dust in Your Home

FOR A HEALTHY HOME



## STEP 1: GETTING READY TO CLEAN HARD SURFACES



Plastic or rubber gloves and plastic trash bags



Tack cloth, masking tape or duct tape



Rags, sponges, or mop that can be thrown away

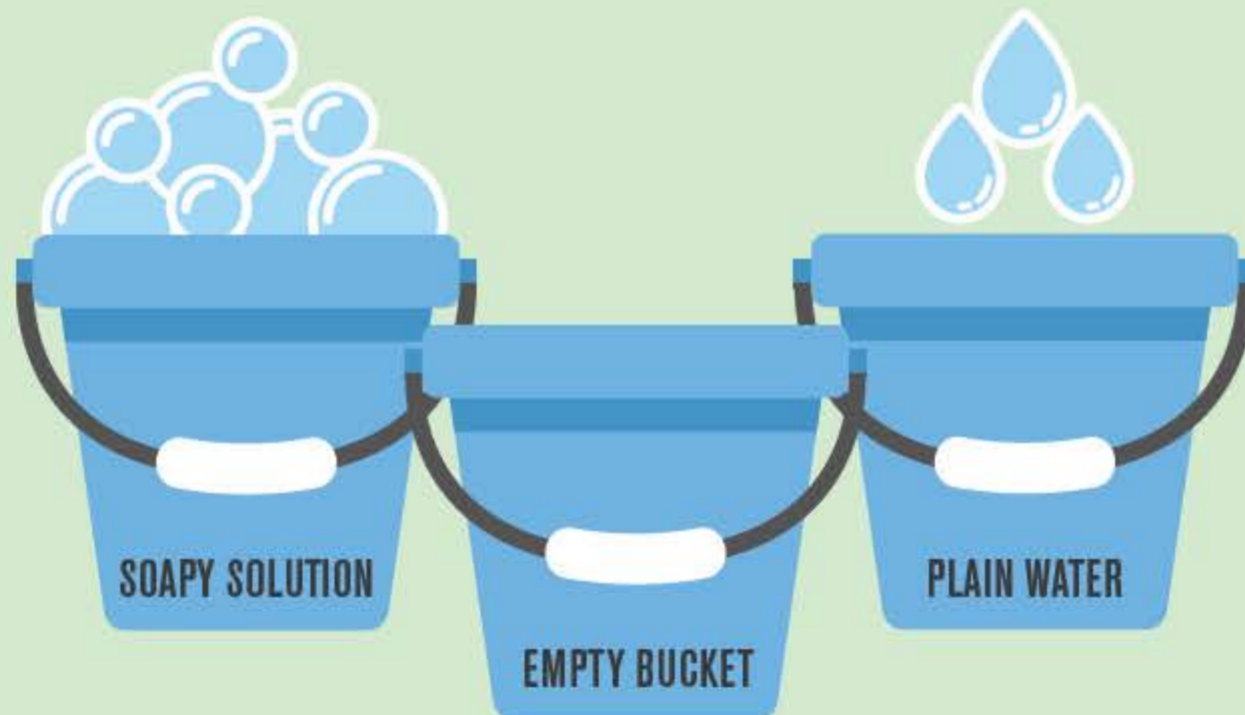


Three buckets and soap solution

Pick up large paint chips and place them in trash bags. Use tack cloth or tape to pick up small paint chips.

## STEP 2: CLEANING

Pregnant women must NOT clean up lead dust. Remove children and pets from rooms being cleaned.



Clean the highest surfaces first and work your way to the floor.

Start at the farthest corner of the room and work your way to the door.

- 1) Using the SOAPY SOLUTION, wipe surface with a rag or mop
- 2) Rinse the used rag in bucket with the PLAIN WATER
- 3) Squeeze extra water out of the rag or mop into the EMPTY BUCKET
- 4) Repeat these steps until room is clean

## STEP 3: REPEAT UNTIL CLEAN

Clean ONE room at a time. When finished with one room, empty all buckets. Repeat steps to clean.

### FOR WALL-TO-WALL CARPETS

Use a HEPA (high efficiency particle air) filter vacuum cleaner. Do not use a common household vacuum.

Vacuum from top to bottom then left to right.  
Spend 10 minutes vacuuming a small area (2 ft x 5 ft).

### FOR RUGS

Larger rugs can be steam cleaned.

Some smaller rugs can be washed in the washing machine.  
**DO NOT PUT IN ANY OTHER CLOTHES OR LINENS.**

For more information and resources, contact the NM Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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