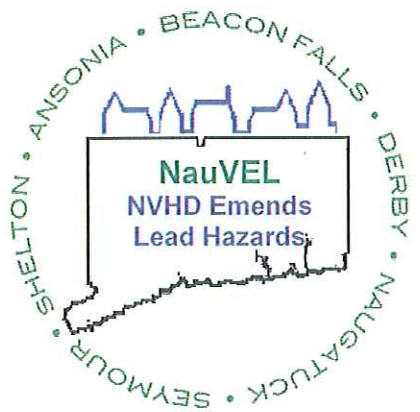


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Our Mission: To Protect Valley Residents From Lead Poisoning

The Naugatuck Valley Health District has been awarded a 3-year, $3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The grant is called the **Naugatuck Valley Emends Lead Hazards Program (NauVEL).**

NauVEL funds will help low-income families and property owners who qualify to prevent lead poisoning in their Naugatuck Valley homes by funding lead-safe repairs.

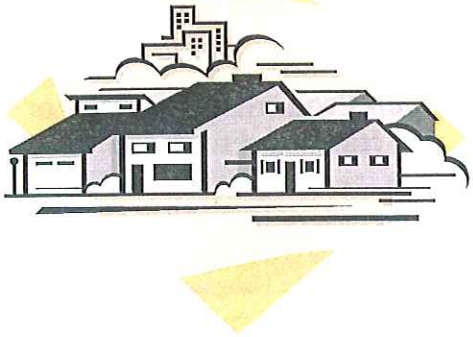
Which Properties Qualify For NauVEL Funding?

- The property must be located within the communities that comprise the Naugatuck Valley Health District — **Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck, Seymour and Shelton.**
- Property must be **pre-1978 construction** and contain lead hazards. Property must warrant investment, as well as be up-to-date on insurance, taxes and mortgage.
- Tenants and owner-occupants must meet **HUD regional income** requirements.
- Rents must remain at fair-market levels for 3 years.

Buildings Built Before 1978 May Contain Lead Poisoning

If your home was built **before 1978**, it may contain lead-based paint which was used in more than 64 million homes until it was banned from residential use in 1978.

Lead can be found in and around homes in the city, country or suburbs, in single-family homes as well as private and public apartment buildings. It may be in your home, or the home of your child's grandparents, best friend, or babysitter.



- Lead-based paint may not be a hazard if it is in good condition and not found on an impact or friction surface such as a window or door.
- It is a hazard that needs **immediate attention** when it is deteriorating and peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking or is otherwise damaged or disturbed.
- Even **new renovations and upgrades** to a pre-1978 property can cause lead poisoning by disturbing old lead-painted surfaces, releasing microscopic but poisonous lead dust.

Children Under Age 6 Are Most At Risk

According to the CDC, **childhood lead poisoning** is the most common environmental disease of young children under the age of 6, and it is 100% preventable.



Children are primarily exposed to lead by the ingestion and/or inhalation of lead dust or paint chips on interior floors, windows, rugs, and other surfaces. On the exterior, lead dust and chips can be present in soil surrounding the home or play area.

If not prevented, it can cause:

- *Learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence;*
- *Decreased growth;*
- *Anemia;*
- *Hearing damage, speech, language, and behavior problems;*
- *Kidney damage;*
- *Poor muscle growth & coordination; and*
- *Other physical & psychological problems.*

A **pregnant woman** exposed to lead can pass it on to her unborn child, leading to increased risks of miscarriage, premature birth and low-birth weight, as well as risks for developmental problems that are even higher and more severe than for children exposed to lead from birth to age 6.

In **adults**, lead poisoning can cause high-blood pressure and hypertension; digestive and kidney problems; nerve disorders; memory and concentration problems; muscle and joint pain; and fertility problems.

But Lead Poisoning Can Be Prevented

To reduce your risk, your child's risk, or the risk that your pre-1978 home or rental property may pose, you can:

- Make sure your **child is tested** for an elevated blood lead level with a simple blood test. If you are pregnant, make sure that you are tested as well.
- Have your **home or rental property** tested for the presence of lead-paint hazards.
- Work to **eliminate or control** any lead-paint hazards that are found.
- Learn and practice how to work, renovate and clean lead-safe, and utilize **clean lead-safe** practices for routine household maintenance.

DON'T SPREAD LEAD!



AVOID MAKING AND SPREADING LEAD DUST BY LEARNING LEAD-SAFE WORK PRACTICES.

For More Info About Lead Hazards

Complete and return to:

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I am a:

_ Property Owner
_ Tenant
_ Construction Contractor
_ Real Estate/Insurance Professional
_ Parent
_ Physician/Healthcare Provider
_ Educator/Childcare Provider
_ Other _____

I would like to receive info about:

_ Eligibility Application
_ Qualified Lead-Safe Contractors
_ Blood Testing for Children & Adults
_ Lead-Safe Repairs & Cleaning
_ Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone _____

Who Is Eligible For What?

Residential Property Owners:

- Financial assistance for lead-hazard abatement for eligible properties.
- Lead risk assessment/estimate, lead inspection and abatement planning on subject properties.
- Access to pre-qualified contractors.
- Technical assistance and project monitoring.
- Relocation assistance if required.
- Information about legal liability.

Real Estate/Insurance Professionals:

- Access to financial assistance for qualified property owners.

Parents & Residents:

- Information on blood screening for children under age 6.
- Facts for pregnant women on preventative measures.
- Training on the benefits of nutrition and lead-safe cleaning methods for the prevention of lead poisoning.

Contractors:

- Economic opportunities in the specialty area of lead-hazard abatement/control.
- Assistance with professional development for certification & licensing for lead-safe work practices.
- Convenient access to trade bulletins, updates and other printed materials on lead abatement.

Healthcare, Childcare & Other Providers:

- Access to educational programs, literature and group presentations for interested individuals/organizations.
- Potential access to financial assistance for qualified clients.

Where Can I Apply?

For application, screening and eligibility, please contact:

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