

Cleaning up Lead in Your Home

Use the Wet Washing Method

Wet Washing is the best way to clean up lead dust. Wet wash door frames, window frames and sills, walls, baseboards, and floors often to clean up lead dust.

STEP 1



Collect the following supplies before you begin Wet Washing:

- 1 bucket to **wash**
- 1 bucket to **rinse**
- Disposable cloths or rags to **wash**
- Disposable cloths or rags to **rinse**
- Cleaning soap
- Rubber gloves
- Mop
- New mop heads
- Trash bags

STEP 2



Use 2 buckets to clean: 1 bucket to wash and 1 bucket to rinse.

- Fill one bucket with soap and water for **cleaning**
- Fill second bucket with water for **rinsing**

STEP 3

Always wear disposable gloves when cleaning up lead paint and dust



STEP 4



Pick up large pieces of paint and **throw away** into a trash bag.

STEP 5



Use a clean cloth to wash door frames, window wells and sills, walls and floors with the wash water. When cloths get dirty, throw away into the trash bag. Use a different disposable cloth for the rinse step.

STEP 6

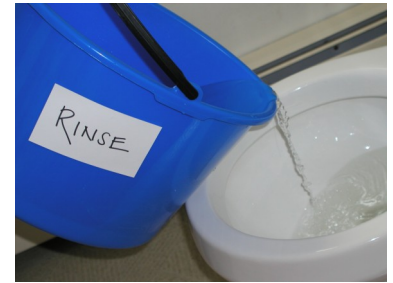


Rinse the area that you washed with the **rinse water**. Use a **different**, clean disposable cloth for rinsing. **Change** the rinse water as it gets dirty.

STEP 7



Dump dirty water into the **toilet**. You should **dump water** from the **wash bucket** and the **rinse bucket** into the toilet.



STEP 8



When you finish washing and rinsing, **carefully remove gloves**. **Throw into trash bag** with dirty cloths. **Seal with a twist tie or a knot**.



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Mopping up Lead in Your Home

Mopping is the best way to clean up lead dust from the floors. After wet washing door frames, window frames and sills, walls, and baseboards, mop the floors using the two bucket method.

STEP 1



Use **2 buckets to clean**: 1 bucket to wash and 1 bucket to rinse.

- Fill one bucket with detergent and water for **cleaning**
- Fill second bucket with water for **rinsing**

STEP 2



Wash the floor with soapy water. **Change** the wash water when it gets dirty.

Dump dirty water into the toilet.

STEP 3



Change the mop head before you begin rinsing the floor. Throw the used mop head into the trash.

STEP 4



Rinse the floor using the new mop head. **Change** the rinse water when it gets dirty.

STEP 5



Dump dirty water into the **toilet**. You should **dump water** from the **wash bucket** and the **rinse bucket** into the toilet.

