



# Jefferson County PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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## Media Release

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### **Free Renovator Training for Contractors and DIY Homeowners**

**February 6, 2017- Watertown, NY**—Major sources of lead exposure to U.S. children include lead-based paint, lead-contaminated dust in deteriorating buildings, and lead in soil around homes. In 2016, **215 Jefferson County children** had a lead test result of 5 micrograms per deciliter or greater which indicates lead poisoning. In order to reduce the numbers of poisonings, the Jefferson County Public Health Service is offering a **FREE** renovator course to teach about lead safe renovations.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed this 8-hour training course to instruct renovators, painters, and remodelers how to work safely in homes with lead-based paint. This EPA approved course is designed for training contractors who work in target housing or child occupied homes. Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

Contractors play a critical role in helping to prevent lead exposure. Ordinary renovation and maintenance activities can create toxic lead dust that can harm customers, workers, and even the contractors’ families. On Friday, February 17th, the JCPHS will offer this day-long course at the Public Health Facility, 531 Meade Street, Watertown. This is free to the first 24 people who register by calling Lead Safe at 1-866-487-9628. You must preregister in order to reserve your spot.

**FREE 8-Hour  
EPA Renovator Course  
for Jefferson County**

Lead Safety for Remodeling, Repair, And Painting

**Friday, February 17**

Jefferson County Public Health Service  
531 Meade Street, Watertown

**Call Lead Safe to Register:  
866-487-9628**

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Sponsored by: Jefferson County Public Health Service Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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who call to register




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