

# MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

COUNTY/CITY BUILDING

555 SOUTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET

Room 303

Monday, July 14, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

## Meeting Notes

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- **Welcome and Introductions**

Bethany	College View	Country Club	Clinton	East Campus	Eastridge	Everett
Kyle McLaughlin	Tracy Corr	Dick Piersol	Gloria Eddins	Paul Johnson;	Natalie Baskin	Midge Pace
Hartley	Irvingdale	Witherbee	Woods Park			
Pat Steer	Roy Helm	Mary Schwab	Randy Smith			

- Other Attendees: Dan Marvin (UDD Director), Jon Carlson (Mayors Office), Renae Rief (LLCHD), Councilmember Tom Beckuis

- **Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments**

- [Project O Street](#): redo the street, curb and intersection improvements, watermain replacements, street furniture, music district ([14<sup>th</sup> Street, now honorary Boehmer Street](#))
- Mahoney Inclusive Playground open to allow all abilities to play. Plan is to have one in each quadrant.
- [A Street Street Rehab open house](#) this Thursday at Everett Elementary gymnasium between 5:30 and 7:30 pm

- **Lead Safe Lincoln (Eliza Newkirk, LLCHD & Stephanie Rouse, UDD) –**

- See attached presentation slides for details specific to the programs offered by the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department and the Urban Development Department to address lead hazards in homes.
- Health Department will test toys when out on a site visit. They also have partnership with state health department to test spices for lead. Mostly dangerous for children when consuming.
- Lead certified contractors are training to test, clean, and contain lead
- For wood siding remediation you can paint a house to encapsulate the lead paint, but often times vinyl siding will be a more lasting seal
- For homeowners painting their home, there are resources for how to contain lead paint while painting.
- Health Department Blood Lead Testing:  
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Health-Department/Lead-Safe-Lincoln>

- Lead Hazard Reduction Grant: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Urban-Development/Housing/Lead-Paint-Grant>
- Healthy Homes Grant: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Urban-Development/Housing/Healthy-Homes-Grant>

- **Announcements**

- Bethany working on their 501c3 status and working with UPCO and Havelock to put on a NE High School car show
- Reminder for reporting to City issues like noise, dangerous trees, etc: <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/Payments-Services/UPLNK>
- Witherbee applying for Trees for Nebraska grant from state arboretum to teach volunteers how to plant trees (<https://plantnebraska.org/what-we-do/project-funding/trees-for-nebraska-towns.html>) deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup> for any neighborhood interested
- July is 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the American's with Disabilities Act 9 am to 1 pm on July 26<sup>th</sup> in Antelope Park celebration

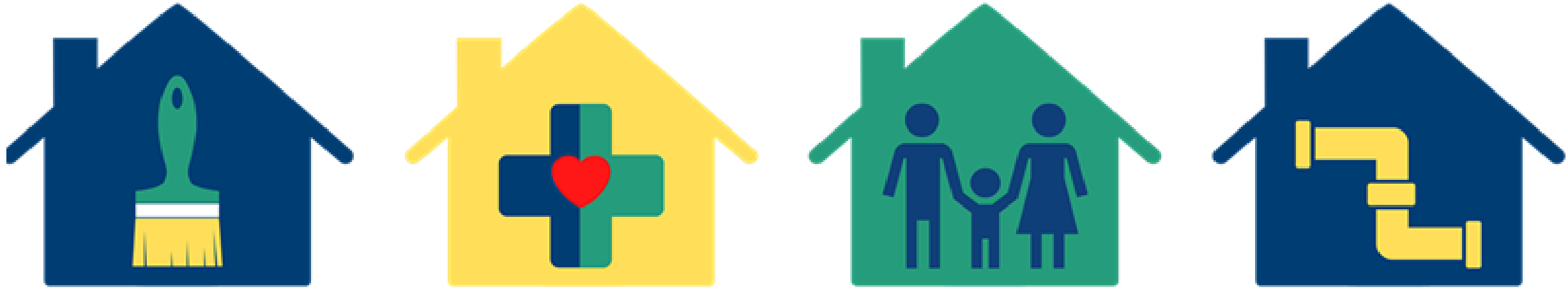
- **Future Agenda Ideas**

- Project O Street
- Grants available to neighborhoods
- CLC and neighborhood coordination

- **Adjourned at 6:15 pm**

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**Next Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting**  
**August 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m.**  
**City County Building Room 303**



# LEAD SAFE LINCOLN



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Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable  
7/14/2025



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# What is Lead?

- Occurs naturally in the environment (mined from the earth)
- Used in products to make the durable and last longer
- Must be identified through analysis
- Does not break down in the environment over time
- Is a neurotoxin (causes damage to brain and nervous system)





# Health Affects of Lead

Exposure to lead can cause in Children

- Behavior and learning challenges
- Lower IQ and hyperactivity
- Slowed growth
- Hearing problems
- Anemia

Exposure to lead can cause in Pregnant Women

- Lead can pass from the mother exposing developing fetus or breastfeeding baby
- Baby born too early or too small
- Hurts baby's brain, kidneys, and nervous system
- Greater risk of miscarriage

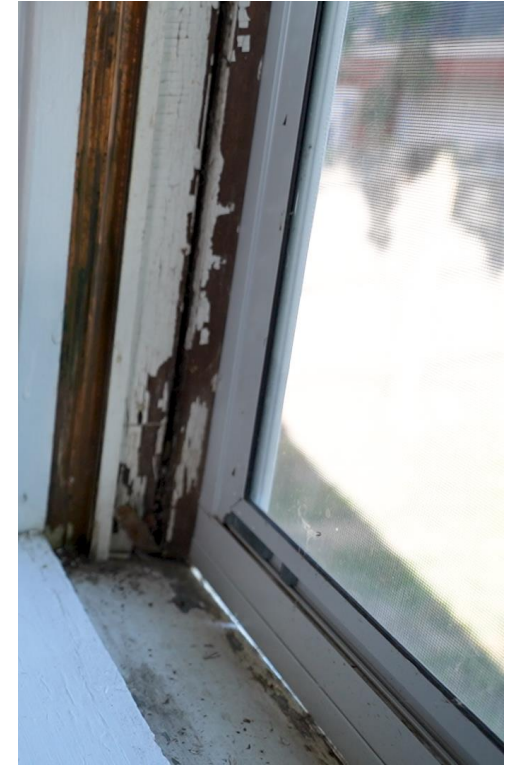


# Where is Lead?

Lead can be found in

- Paint
- Soil
- Water
- Air
- Spices
- Dishes
- Jewelry
- Parent job/hobby
- Some cosmetics





## Lead-Based Paint

- **Found in older homes built before 1978**
- **Major source when:**
  - Not maintained - Peeling, chipping, cracking
- **Chips and dust can scatter and become a hazard**
- **These hazards can be breathed in or swallowed by children, residents and workers**

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Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept Community Health Services  
Lead Testing for Children



Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept Environmental Health  
Lead Inspections / Risk Assessments / Child Care Faucet Testing



Urban Development  
Lead Safe Lincoln Grant Program



Lincoln Transportation and Utilities Lincoln Water System  
Lead Service Line Replacement Program



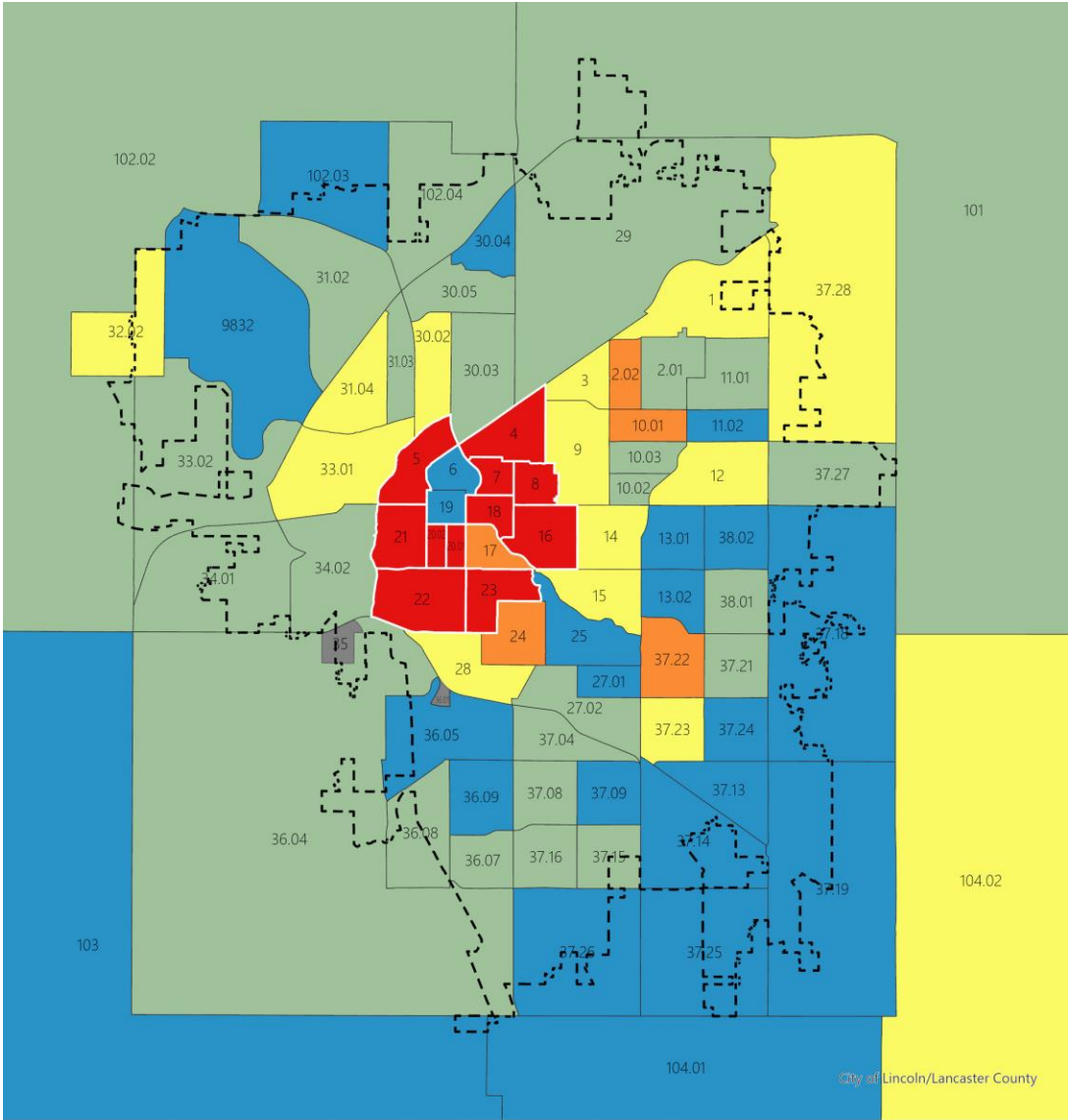


# Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLL) $\geq 3.5\mu\text{g/dl}$

Census tracts with cases of children under 72 months

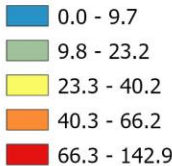
Target Census Tracts in the white boundaries highlight the highest rates

There is no safe level of lead in children



Elevated Blood Lead Levels ( $\geq 3.5\mu\text{g/dL}$ ) under 72 Months, Lancaster County 2019-2023  
Rate per 1000 Tests

Unique Cases with Elevated BLL in 2019 - 2023



Source: Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department

# Blood Lead Testing in 1-6 Age Group

## Children below the age of 72 months

Year	Population Estimate <72 Months Age group	All lead tests in <72 Months Age Group	
		Frequency	Percentage
2018	24,233	3,898	16.1%
2019	24,027	4,045	16.8%
2020	23,884	3,861	16.2%
2021	23,675	4,282	18.1%
2022	23,106	4,623	20.0%
2023	22,824	4,519	19.8%



# Lead Prevention Case Management

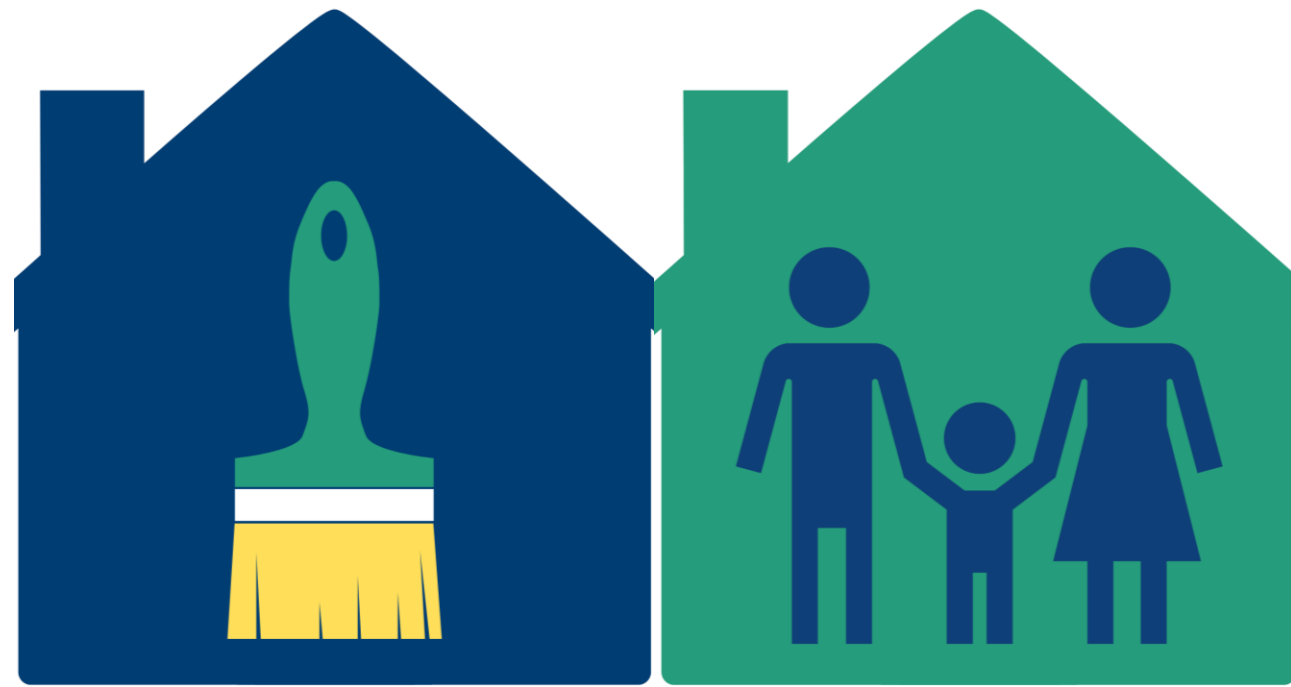
- Grant funded (NDHHS) since Fall 2017
- Overseen by CHS staff (Public Health Nursing)
- Investigations/Case Management support focused on children with Elevated Blood Lead Levels (EBLL) defined as  $\geq 3.5$  micrograms per deciliter
- Involved contact and ongoing communication with health care providers, parents/guardians, completion of lead risk questionnaire and referrals to Environmental Health Specialist at LLCHD





# Available Programs

- **Blood-Lead Testing at LLCHD**
  - Walk-ins welcome
  - \$10 test if not insured
  - Interpretation services available
  - Point of Care (Community-Based) lead testing available
- **Urban Development Lead Paint Remediation Program**
  - Available in Pre-1978 houses
  - Owner-Occupied and Rental Properties
  - Must meet income requirements
  - Preference given to houses with children
  - Applications go through Urban Development; 402-441-7808



# HUD Lead Remediation Grant

## 1/2/2021 – 1/2/2025

### 113 Completed Projects

- 23 Rental single-family homes
- 48 Multi family units
- 42 Owner-occupied single-family homes
- 97 children under 6 years old assisted



# Previous Projects





# Past Projects





# Items Commonly Remediated





**HUD Lead Remediation  
Grant**  
1/1/2025 – 1/1/2029

- 94 homes estimated to be remediated
- \$4,000,000 for lead remediation
- \$400,000 Healthy Homes Supplement
- To Apply, use the QR code or link below:
- [Lead Paint Grant – City of Lincoln, NE](#)

# City of Lincoln HUD Lead Grant

## INCOME LIMITS

Effective June 1, 2025

Size of Household	% of Lincoln Median Income			
		50%		80%
1		\$37,650		\$60,200
2		43,000		68,800
3		48,400		77,400
4		53,750		86,000
5		58,050		92,900
6		62,350		99,800
7		66,650		106,650
8		70,950		113,550

- Must meet income guidelines
- Must have a child visiting the house at least 60 hours a year
- Either paint stabilization or replacement of components with Lead-Based Paint



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# Healthy Homes Production Grant

Period of Performance : 5/15/2025 – 11/15/2028

43 homes estimated to be assisted

\$1,000,000 for health hazard reduction

Address health and safety hazards like roofing leaks, dust and contaminants, poor ventilation, inadequate temperatures, and dangerous surfaces.

Application window opening mid-August



**Protect your family.**

**Make your  
home  
lead safe.**



**Contact Lead Safe Lincoln today.**

**[lincoln.ne.gov/leadsafe](http://lincoln.ne.gov/leadsafe)**

**402-441-7808**



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# Preventing Lead Poisoning

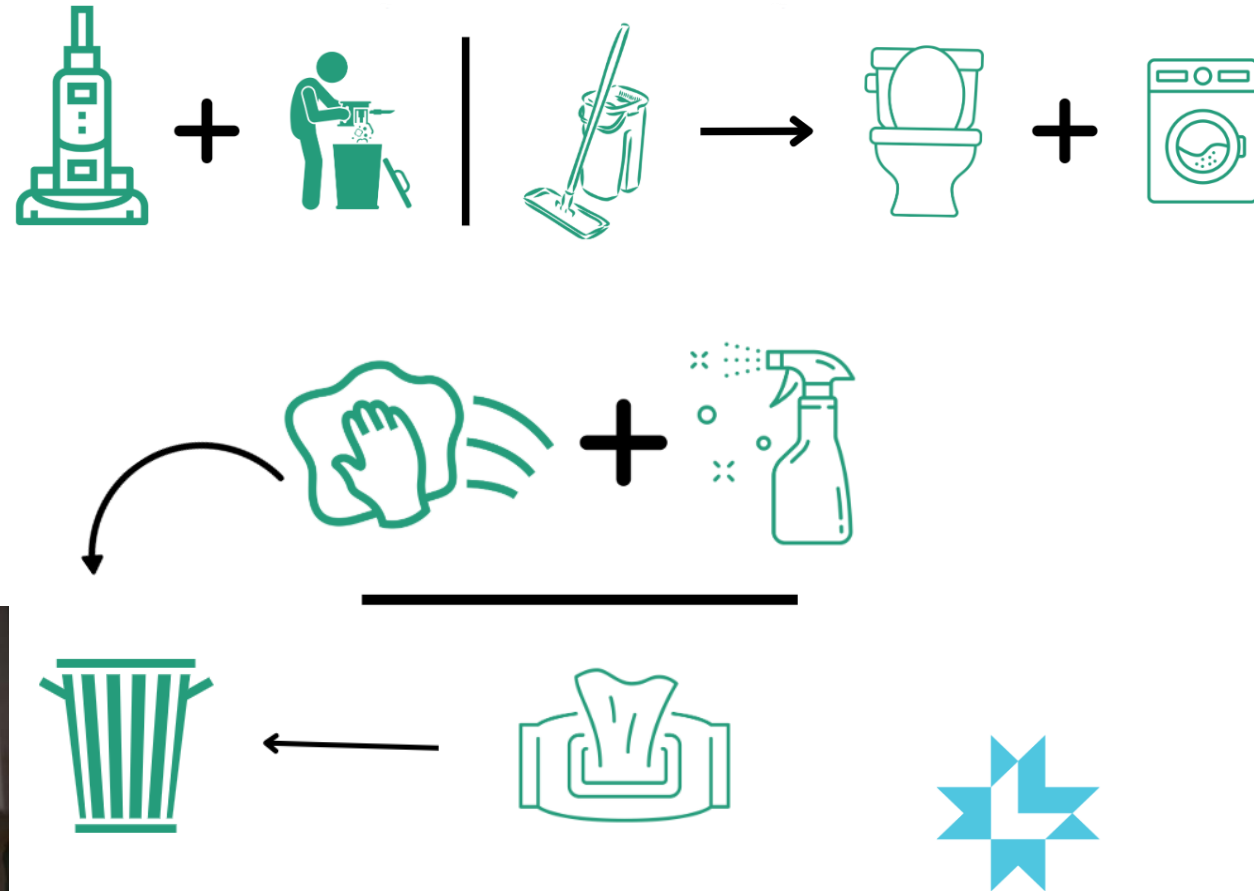
- An easy way to prevent lead poisoning is through regular cleaning
- Use “wet products” like wipes and mops to clean lead dust
- Clean floors, windowsills, doors, handrails, furniture, and toys



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# Nutrition



Strawberries



## Calcium

- Milk
- Yogurt
- Cheese
- Broccoli
- Calcium fortified products



Milk



Broccoli



Cheese



Black beans

## Iron

- Lean red meat
- Fish
- Eggs
- Green Leafy vegetables
- Beans and lentils
- Iron-fortified products
- Dried Fruit



Kale

## Vitamin C

- Citrus
- Kiwi
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Potatoes



Tomatoes



Orange



# Spices and Food in Lead Poisoning In Nebraska

- Spices and food continue to be a source of exposure for children in Lincoln and Lancaster County
- LLCHD has a partnership with Nebraska DHHS to test spices consumed by children for lead
- LLCHD staff collaborate with State and Federal partners when a food item is recalled for lead







COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

## IHA Beverage Issues a Voluntary Recall of Super Cinnamon Powder 4oz Because of Lead Contamination

When a company announces a recall, market withdrawal, or safety alert, the FDA posts the company's announcement as a public service. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

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# State of Nebraska Lead Testing Recommendation

## Recommendations for Nebraska Healthcare Providers

- Children under 6 years old (9–71 months) should be assessed for lead exposure risk at annual well child visits or more frequently, if necessary.
- Blood lead test children with any risk factor identified on the questionnaire below.
  - **Test** at 12 months and again at 24 months (1 and 2 years).
  - **Test** at 24–71 months old (2–5 years) at least once if not previously tested.

### When to Confirm Capillary BLLs

Initial Capillary BLL (µg/dL)	Confirm with Venous Blood Test
3.5 – 9	Within 3 months*
10 – 19	Within 1 month*
20 – 44	Within 2 weeks*
≥ 45	Within 24 - 48 hours*
*The higher the BLL on a screening test, the more urgent the need for confirmatory testing.	

### Schedule for Follow-up BLLs

Confirmed BLL (µg/dL)	Re-test first 2-4 tests	Re-test after BLLs declining
3.5 – 9	3 months*	6–9 months
10 – 19	1–3 months*	3–6 months
20 – 44	2–4 weeks	1–3 months
≥ 45	As soon as possible. Consult with expert.	
*Some providers may choose to repeat BLL within a month to ensure the level is not rising more quickly than anticipated.		

[Nebraska Blood Lead Testing Guidelines for Children](#)

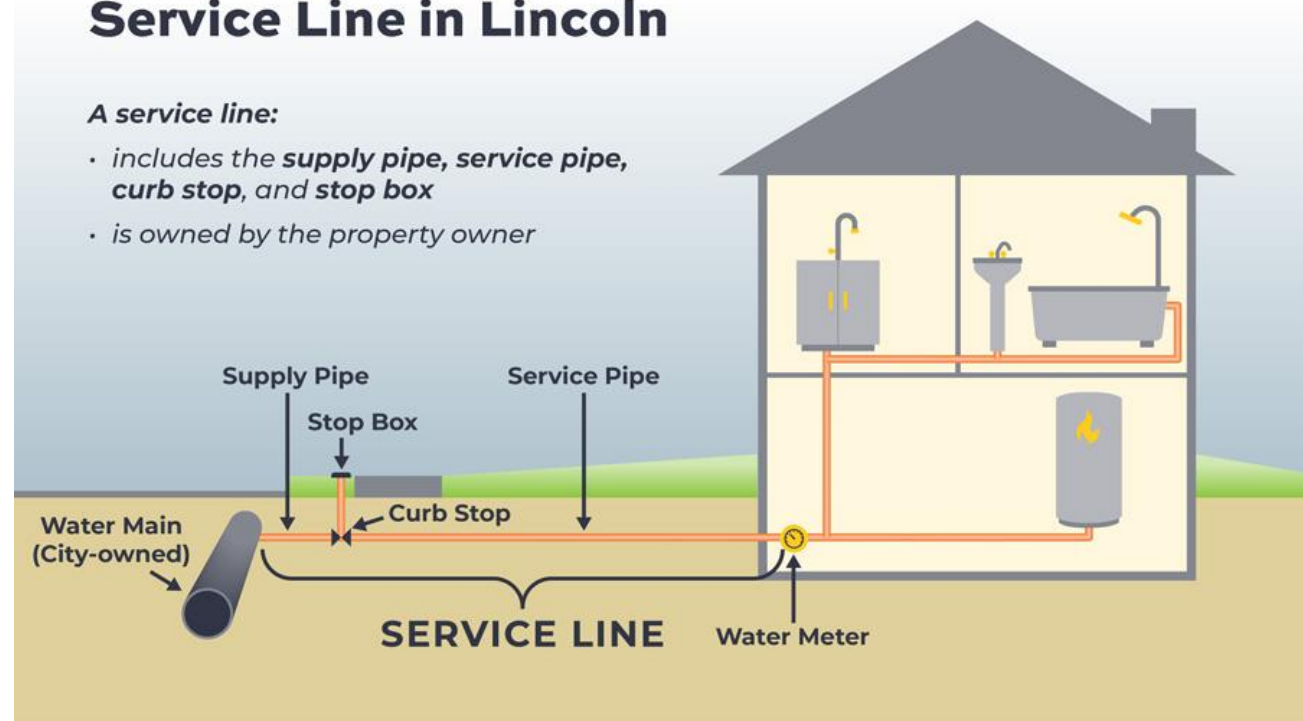


# Service Line Replacement Resources

## A Typical Water Service Line in Lincoln

*A service line:*

- includes the **supply pipe**, **service pipe**, **curb stop**, and **stop box**
- is owned by the property owner



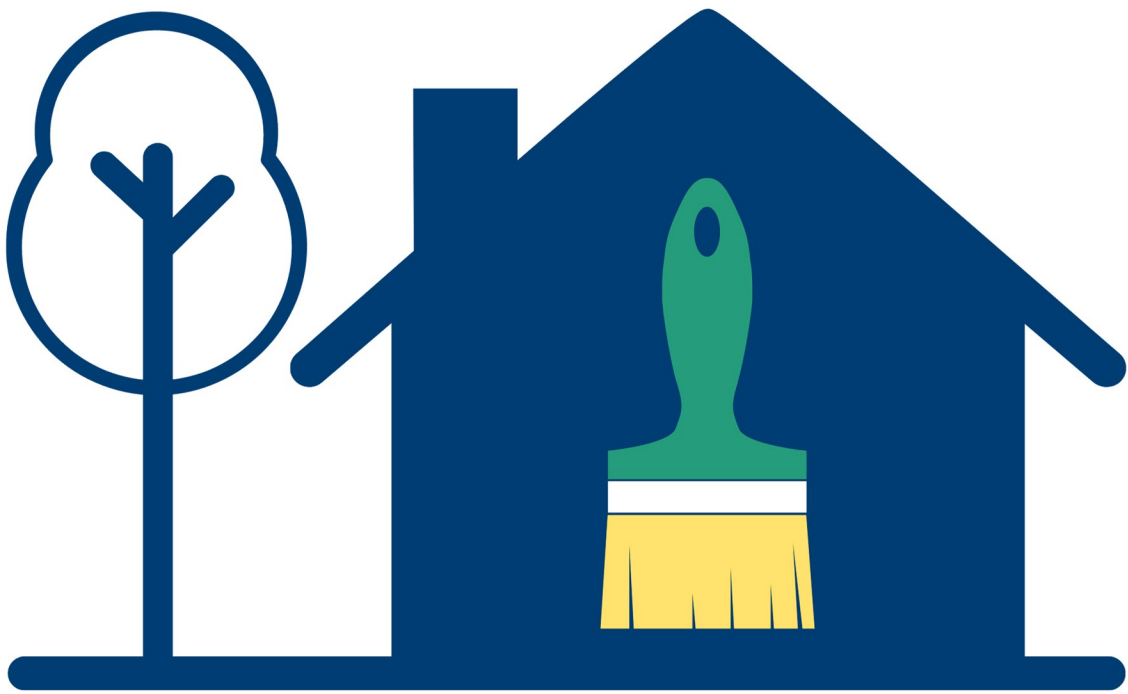
# Service Line Look-Up Resource

To identify if you have a lead service line, use this website from Lincoln Transportation and Utilities

[120Water - Public Water System Service Lines](#)



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**Make your home lead safe through home improvements**  
**- new windows, siding, gutters, paint and more.**



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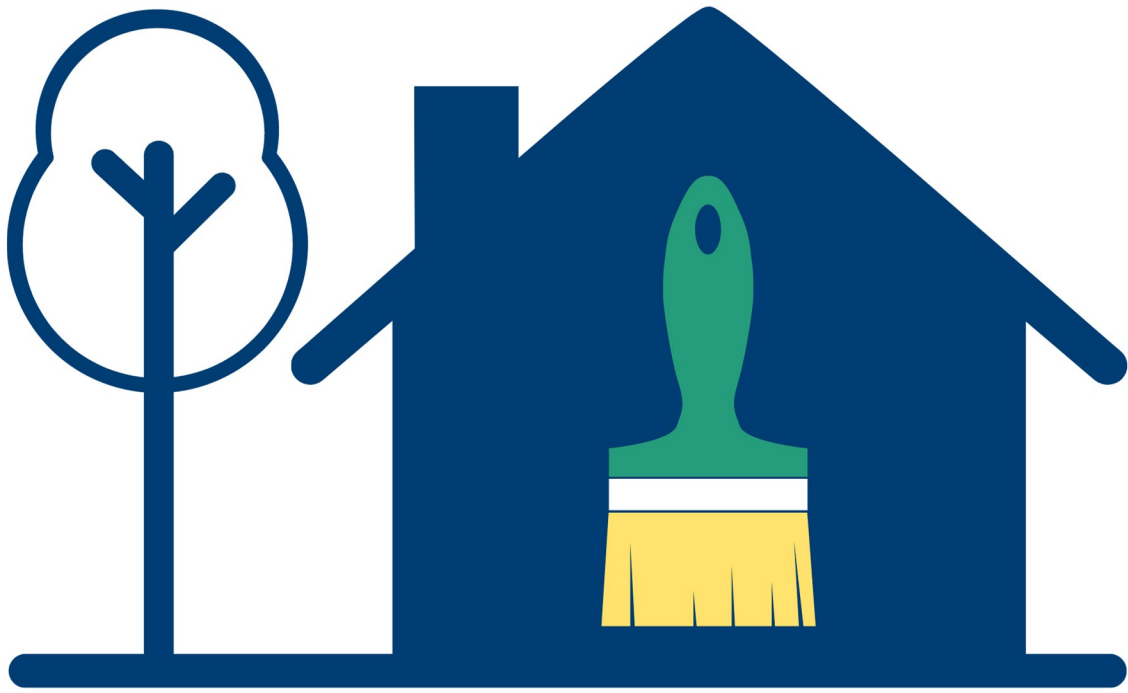


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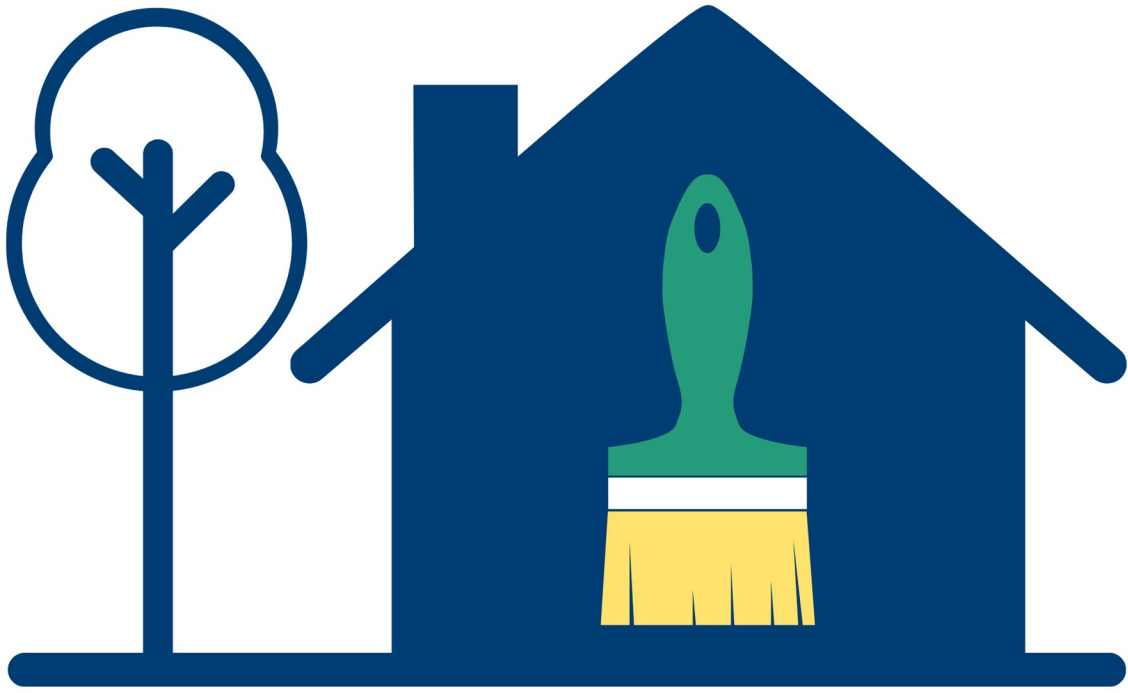


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- Owner-occupied homes must have a child 5 years old or younger living in the home or visiting the home.
- Homeowner must meet income guidelines. (see chart)
- Property is located in the City of Lincoln.

Rental properties/homes are also eligible.

INCOME LIMITS AS OF MAY 1, 2024	
Size of Household	80% of Lincoln Median Income
1	\$60,200
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