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## **EPA's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program:**

### **What it Means for Homeowners and Contractors**

In this economy, with more homeowners choosing home renovation over relocation and contractors eager to build up business, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recently enacted Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Rule (RRP) has many concerned about its impact on the building industry and homeowners.

As a manufacturer and distributor of high quality building products, Harvey Building Products supports lead-safe practices as a means to prevent lead poisoning and protect the health and well-being of individuals.

Harvey also recognizes that the EPA's new regulations will add costs to contractors and ultimately, to homeowners as contractors adjust their business practices to comply with these new regulations. Matt Samson, VP, Marketing, suggests that contractor and consumer education is the key to successfully working within the new law. With this in mind, Samson offers the following guidelines:

#### What Homeowners and Landlords Should Know about RRP:

- Work that may disturb lead paint, whether done by a contractor, painter, electrician or plumber, falls under the law. RRP affects homes, apartments and child-occupied facilities (day care centers; schools) built before 1978.
- RRP applies to interior painted surfaces of more than six square feet per room, or exterior painted surfaces of more than 20 square feet.
- If your home or building built prior to 1978 has already received lead-free certification, you can provide the contractor with a signed statement to this effect to avoid additional testing.

#### What Contractors Should Know about RRP (in addition to above):

- Although enacted in April 2010, enforcement of the new RRP rules will be delayed until October 2010.
- The federal law requires that contractors receive training (8-hour initial course by an EPA-accredited training provider), obtain certification and conduct lead-safe work practices.
- One (1) person per crew has to have completed the 8-hour Lead Safe Certification seminar & receive a passing test score to become a certified renovator (this person must be available on site during the renovation).
- Reports certifying that lead-based paint is not present as well as records verifying distribution of the lead pamphlet (signed proof from homeowner/tenant) must be retained for three years following the completion of renovation.
- Contractors must be re-certified every five years.

- Non-compliance could result in penalties up to \$32,500 per violation, per day.
- The EPA has the authority to authorize States to administer their own RRP program that would operate in lieu of federal EPA regulations. When a State becomes authorized, contractors and training providers working in those areas and consumers living there should contact the appropriate State or program office as the rules, including those noted above, may change. Currently the following States within Harvey Building Products' service areas have the authority to administer their own programs: Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Harvey Building Products has partnered with an EPA-accredited training provider, offering periodic classes at its branch locations. For information on RRP and upcoming training programs, visit the 'Our Services' section of [harveybp.com/pro](http://harveybp.com/pro). For the most up-to-date information on the RRP law, homeowners and contractors should visit the EPA's site at <http://www.epa.gov/lead/>

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