

Lead Paint advisory information for building remodeling, renovation, and maintenance projects in the City of Northfield.

In compliance with Federal and State laws the City of Northfield Building Inspection Department, effective August 1, 2011, will be verifying “EPA Lead Certifications” for licensed residential contractors, residential roofers, manufactured home installers and residential siding contractors applying for building permits for work to be performed on existing residential buildings constructed before 1978. Per State law, building or remodeling permits may not be issued if the contractors EPA Lead Certifications are not current.

The City has been instructed to use the EPA web site to verify certifications. The web site is http://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/searchrrp_firm.htm.

Information regarding “lead certification” in Minnesota can be found on the Minnesota Department of Health website:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/prof/forms/index.html>.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency “Lead: Renovation, Repair and Painting Program”

The law requires contractors and maintenance professionals to be certified, and their employees trained. In addition, they must follow protective lead-safe work practice standards when renovation, repair or painting activities will disturb more than six square feet of lead-based paint in a room or when 20 square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed on the exterior. Contractors will be required to post warning signs, restrict occupants from work areas, prevent dust and debris from spreading, conduct a thorough cleanup and verify that the cleanup was effective. These new requirements focus on those structures built before 1978 (the year lead-based paint was banned). For additional information, educational materials and brochures, please visit www.epa.gov/lead, <http://epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>, or call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD (5323).