

**Testing for Lead in Paint or Varnish**  
Questions? Call (608) 243-0357  
Curbside Sample Drop Off Call: (608) 381-8953

**What do we do?**

The Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) Laboratory tests paint and varnish for lead.

**When should I test for lead in paint and varnish?**

Lead is a poison. If your home or apartment was built before 1978 you should test for lead if you have paint that is peeling or chipping or impact areas like windows, floors and doors that may have paint dust. You should also test for lead on surfaces containing old paint or varnish before painting or remodeling.

**Sample Collection:**

Samples may be collected from any surface including furniture.

1. Collect one or more paint or varnish chips so the total is equal to the size of a quarter. Include all layers of paint or varnish without any of the wood, plaster etc.
2. Place each quarter-sized sample in a clean plastic bag and seal. **Do not** mix chips from different surfaces or locations. Each should be treated as a different sample.
3. Label each bag with the following information:
  - Your name, address and phone number
  - Description of the sample using surface type and location (garage - exterior siding, interior window sill – child's room)
4. Complete the Chain of Custody form for Lead in Paint
5. Samples may be mailed or delivered in person to the Public Health Laboratory.

**Cost** is \$20.00 per sample.

**Payment: Cash, or Check made out to City Treasurer.**

**Mail sample and payment to:**

ATTN: Laboratory  
Public Health Madison and Dane County  
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd **RM 507**  
Madison WI 53703

(We cannot be responsible for cash payment sent through the mail.)

**Curbside Drop Off: Monday - Friday 7:45AM to 2:00PM**

City County Building – Wilson St. Entrance Side  
Call: (608) 381-8953 upon arrival for drop off

**Results** are generally available two weeks after the sample is received by our lab.  
Rush order (results in 5 working days) – ask about availability and fee.  
Rush is not available on samples submitted by mail.

**Please complete the Chain of Custody form on the back of this page and submit with your samples. Thank you.**

## Chain of Custody Form – Lead in Paint

*Complete this form and submit it with your sample. NOTE: shaded areas for lab use only.*

Sampled By(Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Address Sampled: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do children six years old or younger live at this address:     Yes     No  
 Sample Taken From:     House     Apartment  
 Send Report To:     Address Above     Address Below     Email     Email and US Postal  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Testing Information:

Sampling Date: _____		
Surface(s) Sampled: (garage – ext siding, window sill – child’s bedroom, etc.)		
1. _____		
2. _____	Total Cost:	Amount Paid:
3. _____		
4. _____		

**How long have you lived at this address?** \_\_\_\_\_ years

**How did you hear about PHMDC lab’s testing services?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this section when samples are returned to PHMDC:** *Note: By signing this document you certify that sample(s) are as described on this sheet and the sample container.*

Relinquished by	Date	Time	Received by	Date	Time

**Lab Chain of Custody Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lab Sample Number:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_