

# Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) Accredited Lead Certifications

*Onondaga County provides training for contractors, property managers, homeowners, and landlords to teach lead-safe work practices in homes where lead-based paint may be disturbed.*

## EPA Renovation Repair and Painting (RRP) Certifications

The Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule establishes requirements for individuals and firms performing renovations.

- **RRP Individual Certification**

This certification provides an individual worker with the ability to perform renovation, repair, and painting work in houses, apartments, and child-occupied facilities (such as schools and childcare centers) that were built before 1978. It includes pre-renovation education requirements as well as training, firm certification, and work practice requirements.

- **RRP Firm Certification**

Once an individual receives the above mentioned training, they can go to the EPA's website and apply for a "Firm Certification." This additional certification allows the individual to become a certified renovator, able to train their workers on the Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule.

### **Firms performing renovations must ensure that:**

- All individuals performing activities that disturb painted surfaces on behalf of the firm are either certified renovators or have been trained by a certified renovator.
- A certified renovator is assigned to each renovation and performs all of the certified renovator responsibilities.
- All renovations performed by the firm are performed in accordance with work practice standards of the RRP Program.
- Pre-renovation education and lead pamphlet distribution requirements of the RRP Program are performed.
- The program's recordkeeping requirements are met.

## EPA Abatement Supervisor

This certification is typically taken by a General Contractor/Company Owner and certifies them to perform all of the duties of a Lead Abatement Worker while additionally certifying them to be responsible for occupant safety during the abatement process and for writing the abatement plan. Individuals who receive this certification learn lead-based paint abatement and regulatory guidelines for those individuals that will plan and/or oversee lead abatement work. You must have at least two years of construction experience to be eligible for this certification.

## EPA Abatement Worker

Abatement is any set of measures designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards. Abatement workers must work under a Certified Lead Abatement Supervisor (mentioned above).