

Lead Prevention Newsletter

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health continues to offer resources to **communities impacted by the Exide Technologies contamination**. This newsletter gives lead prevention resources and public health updates for residents:

-- COMMUNITY RESOURCES --

FREE BLOOD LEAD TESTING

- Research shows that lead poisoning causes long term health effects. Children are most at risk. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health encourages residents to get a blood lead test early on to prevent lead poisoning, especially children and pregnant women.
- Blood lead screening is available to anyone who lives in LA County regardless of their immigration or employment status and is covered by most insurances, including Medi-Cal.
- **To request a free blood lead test, call: 1-844-888-2290 or ask your primary doctor.**

FREE PROGRAM TO REMOVE LEAD-BASED PAINT FROM HOMES

- Households who applied for lead-based hazard remediation in 2019-2020 will be contacted by Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) staff to resume work. Lead Free Homes LA will be expanding to new eligible households in the coming months. **For more information please visit: LeadFreeHomesLA.com or HogaresLibresDePlomo.com.**
- You can learn more about lead contamination in the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health booklet, "**The Invisible Danger**". The booklet includes:
 - ✓ Stories from residents impacted by Exide and medical specialists.
 - ✓ Information on how to apply for **free interior and exterior lead paint removal** through the Lead Free Homes LA Program.
- **To view the booklet, visit:**
 - ✓ **English:** https://issuu.com/news_review/docs/lead_090420
 - ✓ **Spanish:** https://issuu.com/news_review/docs/lead-spanish?fr=sNzdhZjU0ODU5

FREE LEAD AWARENESS EDUCATION

LA County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program offers **FREE VIRTUAL Lead Awareness Presentations**. Presentations are available in English and Spanish for parents and community groups. To schedule a virtual presentation, please contact: **1-800-LA-4-LEAD** (800-524-5323)

-- COMMUNITY UPDATES --

- **The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)** is in the process of understanding how the parkways are used and how residents would like to use the parkways throughout the community. (Parkways are narrow strips of land accessible to the public adjacent to public streets. Many are found between sidewalks and curbs and contain grass or shrubbery.) This information will assist DTSC and the local jurisdictions in identifying how best to address long term needs and soil remediation. **To participate in DTSC's Parkway survey please use the link here:** <https://dtsc.ca.gov/residential-parkways-soil-sampling-survey/>
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health launched the **Lead Poisoning Prevention Awareness Campaign** to inform LA County residents about free and low-cost blood lead screenings available in their area. **For more information please visit:** publichealth.lacounty.gov/lead