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How to maintain your home

It is very important to properly care for all the surfaces in your home if you believe it contains lead-based paint. Lead-based paint in good condition is usually not harmful.

There are ways to clean your home that will help you reduce or prevent your family's exposure to dust:

Cleaning Uncarpeted Floors:

- Do Use:
 - Damp or wet mop
 - Standard "sponge" or "string" type mops
 - Standard vacuum cleaners, if no visible dust or debris from chipping or flaking paint is present
- Don't Use:
 - Mops with a scrubber strip attached
 - Powered buffing or polishing machines
 - Vacuums with beater bars that may wear away the painted surface

Cleaning Carpets and Rugs:

- Do Use:
 - Wet scrubbing methods to remove stains
 - Steam cleaning methods
 - Standard vacuum cleaners, if no visible dust or debris from chipping or flaking paint is present
- Don't Use:
 - Dry sweeping of surface dust and debris
 - Shaking or beating of carpets and rugs

Cleaning Other Painted Surfaces

- Do Use:
 - Soft cloths
 - An all-purpose cleaner or a cleaner made specifically for lead
- Don't Use:
 - Abrasive cleaners and scouring pads
 - Solvent cleaners that may dissolve the paint
 - Excessive rubbing of spots to remove them

Dusting

- Do Use:
 - Disposable, damp, non-abrasive dusting cloths
- Don't Use:
 - Dry dusting cloths

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