



## National LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

Week



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Facts



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**OCTOBER  
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HUD/CDC/EPA NLPPW Toolkit: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week.htm>  
NYS Policy Toolkit: [National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2021 Social Media Toolkit](#) (developed by the Children's Defense Fund – New York and Clean & Healthy New York)

This week, the Lead-Free Mohawk Valley (LFMV) Coalition is observing National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2020 to raise awareness about the danger of lead poisoning, educate parents on how to reduce lead risks in their environment, prevent its serious health effects, and learn about the importance of having children tested. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention collaborate with local community partners to empower families to take action.

### **Monday, October 25th, 2021:**

**Get the Facts:** [Why should I be concerned about lead?](#)



Make your friends and family aware that lead poisoning is still a problem in our area. Oneida County has one of the highest levels of childhood lead poisoning in New York State, and Herkimer County levels are double the state average. Utica's incidence rate of elevated blood lead levels of children in recent years was greater than Flint, Michigan at the time of its well-known lead-related water crisis. Learn more at [www.leadfreemv.org/facts](http://www.leadfreemv.org/facts).

**Policy Highlight:** [Point of Sale Bill](#)

### **Tuesday, October 26th, 2021:**

**Get Your Soil Tested:** [How do I know if there is lead in my yard?](#)

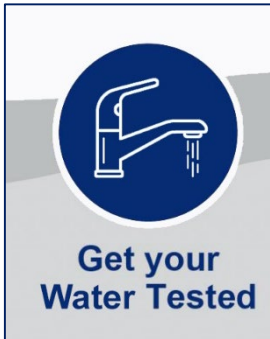


Free lead soil screening at Kemble Park, 104 James Street, Utica on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Bring a soil sample in a zip top plastic bag and we will screen it for lead! Collection kits available at Utica City Hall, Utica Public Library, HomeOwnershipCenter in Utica and CCE Oneida County in Oriskany. To get more information and learn how to collect a sample, visit [www.leadfreemv.org/soilshop](http://www.leadfreemv.org/soilshop).

**Policy Highlight:** [Renovation, Repair and Painting \(RRP\) Bill](#)

**Wednesday, October 27th, 2021:**

**Get Your Water Tested:** [How do I know if there is lead in my drinking water?](#)



Many water utility providers are working to identify and replace lead service lines in pre-1940 housing. Customers living in older homes are encouraged to get their water tested. For more information, contact Mohawk Valley Water Authority at 315-792-0338 or <https://www.mvwa.us/waterquality/leadawareness.aspx>.

**Policy Highlight:** [Lead Insurance Loophole Bill](#)

**Thursday, October 28th, 2021:**

**Get Your Child Tested:** [How do I know if my child was exposed to lead?](#)



Make sure your child is tested at age 1 and 2 since a simple blood test can detect lead. NYS Law requires all children be tested for lead at age 1 and again at age 2 by their doctor or health care provider. Make sure your child has had a lead test. If they need a lead test and you don't have a doctor that you see regularly, there are clinics in Utica where they do lead testing on site. Learn more at [www.leadfreemv.org/facts](http://www.leadfreemv.org/facts).

**Policy Highlight:** [Lead in School Drinking Water Bill](#)

**Friday, October 29th, 2021:**

**Get Your Home Tested:** [How can I make sure my child is safe at home?](#)



Make your home safer by having your living space tested for lead. Find out if you qualify for assistance through the Lead Safe Utica Program. Eligible families must live in Utica, have a home built prior to 1978, have a child under age 6 spending significant time in the home, and must meet income guidelines. For more information about how to apply, contact the HomeOwnershipCenter at 315-724-4197 or visit [www.leadSAFEutica.com](http://www.leadSAFEutica.com).

**Policy Highlight:** [Childhood Lead Poisoning in New York](#)