



Important Update Regarding Exterior Waivers in Baltimore City

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Lead Poisoning Prevention Program



Dear Lead Abatement and Inspection Contractors,

Maryland Department of the Environment ("Department"), Lead Poisoning Prevention Program would like to inform you that Baltimore City **does not** offer Exterior Waivers to temporarily delay stabilizing defective paint during cold weather months. There is no automatic waiver from Baltimore City. Therefore, property owners will need to correct any defective (peeling, chipping, flaking) paint on exterior surfaces, prior to having any lead inspection performed, with the exception of One-time Only Lead Free inspections.

The Annotated Code of Maryland, Environment Article, §6-815(d) and §6-819(j) allows for exterior work to be delayed *during any time period in which exterior work is not required to be performed under an applicable local housing code or, if no such time period is specified, during the period from November 1 through April 1, inclusively.* Pursuant to the Environment Article §6-815(d)(2), *Exterior Waivers may be approved by the code official for enforcement of the housing code or minimum livability code of the local jurisdiction, or, if there is no such official, the Department of Housing and Community Development.* The Department does not approve exterior waivers; and, local jurisdictions are not required to approve them either. Please click [Exterior Waiver Guidance](#) for additional information. Please contact the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 410-537-3825 if you have any questions or concerns.



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