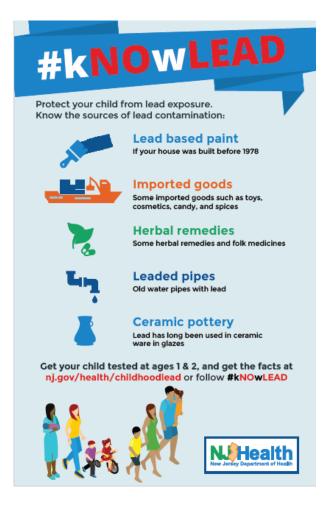
### TIPS FOR LEAD SAFE TOYS

- Wash toys regularly to clean off household dust.
  - Homes built before 1978 may have lead-based paint. Homes near busy roadways, in older neighborhoods, or near industry may have leadcontaminated soil.
  - Toys can pick up lead dust in homes with deteriorating or damaged lead-based paint or with lead-contaminated soil.
- Beware of older toys and inexpensive, imported toys, including ones from yard sales, second-hand stores, flea markets and dollar stores.
- Make sure art supplies have an Art and Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI) non-toxic seal.
- Check recall lists (<u>www.cpsc.gov/recalls</u>) for toys you are considering buying.
- Get informed about the uses and limitations of home lead testing kits.
- Learn more about other sources of lead.

A blood test is the only way to know if your child has been exposed to lead.



#### For more information:

Contact Montclair Health Department

(973) 509 - 4970



# KEEP THE LEAD OUT!



Your Guide to
Prevent Childhood
Lead Poisoning

### How are children exposed to lead?

Lead is a naturally occurring metal that can be found in:

- Imported consumer products such as cosmetics, spices, cultural home remedies, pottery, and toys
- Take home lead from hobbies and occupations
- Water pumped through leaded pipes
- Contaminated soil and air

#### Why is it harmful?

Lead affects the brain and nervous system.

In children, this can result in:

- Lowered intelligence
- Hyperactivity
- Attention deficits
- Developmental delays
- Decreased hearing

A venous lead result of 5 μg/dL or higher warrants intervention from your local health department, but no lead level is safe.



#### **TOY SAFETY**

Identify whether products in your home have been recalled by checking the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website at <a href="https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls">www.cpsc.gov/recalls</a> and search "lead" for a list of recalled toys.



Active Kyds Toy Garden Tools Set, January 2017



Boy Scouts Neckerchief, September 2018

Base Brands Water Bottles, April 2018





## If you have a recalled toy in your home:

- Remove it from your child immediately.
- Do NOT throw out the product follow the manufacturer's instructions for the recall.
- Clean other toys that were near the recalled product.



Children who play with toys that are cracked or have peeling paint are most at risk!

