

# EFFECTIVE CLEANING TECHNIQUES

## LEAD DUST TRAPS

Lead in household dust (lead dust) can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded or heated. It also forms when painted surfaces containing lead bump or rub together. A lead dust trap is a space or object where lead dust can easily gather on, in or under.

Directions: This home has at least six lead dust traps. Find and circle them all.



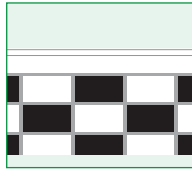
ANSWERS  
 1. floors, carpets, rugs, and baseboards 2. windows and window sills 3. air duct covers and radiators 4. doors and door frames 5. stairs, railing, and banisters 6. furniture

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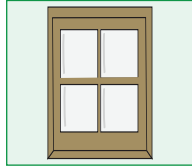
Directions: Draw a line to match each lead dust trap with a recommended cleaning technique. A cleaning technique can be matched to more than one lead dust trap since the same technique is recommended for cleaning more than one area in the home.

### Lead Dust Trap

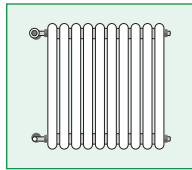
1. Floors, baseboards, carpets and rugs



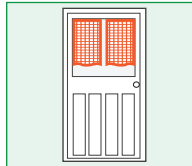
2. Windows and window sills



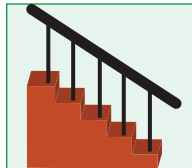
3. Air duct covers and radiators



4. Doors and door frames



5. Stairs, railings and banisters



6. Furniture



### Recommended Cleaning Technique

A.



Wet cloth or sponge and all-purpose cleaner

B.



Wet mop, cloth or sponge and all-purpose cleaner or HEPA-filter vacuum

C.



Dust with furniture polish and a cloth

D.



Wet mop, cloth or sponge and all-purpose cleaner

ANSWERS  
1. B 2. A 3. A 4. A 5. D 6. C

## HELPFUL CLEANING HINTS

- After cleaning your house using the recommended techniques, what should you do to avoid re-contaminating the area(s) you just cleaned? Select all that apply.
  - Wash hands and cleaning supplies in a sink (or area) that preferably is not used for food preparation.
  - Wash the sink itself after washing your cleaning supplies, so that lead dust does not remain in the sink.
  - Shower and wash hair when you finish cleaning.
  - Wipe off your shoes after cleaning to avoid tracking dust around your home.
- TRUE or FALSE - I should remove and wash curtains and mini-blinds AFTER I wash the windows.
- TRUE or FALSE - Many items in my home are potential lead dust traps, and clutter could prevent me from effectively cleaning my home.

ANSWERS  
1. all are correct 2. False 3. True

After today I am going to start using the following cleaning technique(s) in my home

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