

# THE 3 BUCKET METHOD FOR CLEANING AROUND LEAD PAINTED SURFACES



Don't use a dry broom, a feather duster, or a regular vacuum cleaner because you will kick up and breathe in dust that may contain lead and other heavy metals. **All cleaning should be done using wet wiping and wet mopping. You should wear rubber gloves and avoid water containing lead dust.**

## HERE ARE THE STEPS TO CLEAN FLOORS, WALLS AND OTHER SURFACES:

### Step 1. Get supplies:

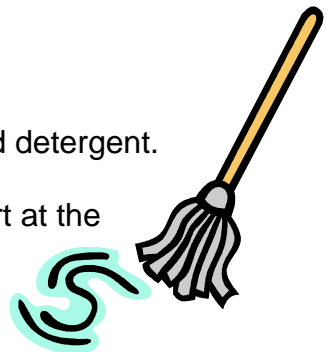
- First you will need 3 buckets.
  - Bucket #1 will have clean water and a sudsy detergent
  - Bucket #2 will have clean water for rinsing.
  - Bucket #3 will be empty. You will put all used, dirty water into bucket #3.
- You will need a mop for the floors and cotton rags or a sponge for the walls and other surfaces. It is best if the mop is made of cotton but a sponge mop will work too.



**Never let the mop or rag touch the water in bucket #3!**

### Step 2: How to clean:

- Put the mop, sponge or rag in bucket #1 with the clean water and detergent.
- Squeeze excess water out in the empty bucket #3.
- When mopping floor use an "S" motion. When cleaning walls start at the highest point and work down. Squeeze into Bucket #3
- Rinse the mop, sponge or rag in the clean water in bucket #2 and squeeze the excess water out in dirty bucket #3
- Repeat these steps several times: Dip in bucket #1, squeeze out excess water in bucket #3, mop floor or clean wall, rinse in clean water bucket #2, squeeze out excess water in bucket #3. Start over.
- Replace water often – at least every half hour.
- Dispose of water from all three buckets down the toilet or a large drain. Do not throw it into your yard or into the drain of your kitchen sink..
- Throw away rags and mop or wash them in your washing machine, separately



### When you are finished cleaning:

- Clothes that you were working in should be washed separately.
- Keep shoes and work clothes away from living area.