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New EPA Rules to Impact Home Remodeling

Was your home built before 1978? If yes and you are planning to remodel, renovate, or re-paint your home anytime in the near future you will want to check with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure your contractor is complying with the NEW 2010 EPA Lead Rules. This is very important because it affects your family's health and safety in the event that lead based-paint hazards exist in your home. To make sure the contractor you are hiring is certified as a Lead Renovator and that their company holds a registration as a Certified Firm visit: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm>.

Common home renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children. To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2010 all contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that may disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be trained and certified to follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. These rules will require that proper precautions are taken to work lead-safe, minimize the dust, contain the work area, and conduct a thorough cleanup to reduce the potential exposure associated with disturbing lead-based paint.

Irons Brothers Construction was one of the first general contractors in King County to receive their EPA Lead Renovator training and certification. On January 26, 2010 the company received their certificate from the EPA naming them a Certified Lead Renovator Firm. The good news is the long before April 22, 2010 Irons Brothers Construction has been implementing lead-safe work practices on homes built prior to 1978. For you this means that their professionals have the knowledge, experience, and training to protect you and your family from any lead-based paint hazards that may exist. **Your family's health and safety is always their top priority.**

For more important lead hazard information visit www.epa.gov/lead. For more information about Irons Brothers Construction and the services they provide visit www.ironsbcc.com or call 206-306-7767 (PROS).