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***Community Forum and Landlord Restoration Program  
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Dear Rental Property Owner:

This letter is for landlords (you may ignore it if you do not own any rental properties). You're invited to enroll in the Landlord Restoration Program! The Program is for landlords that:

- **own pre-1978 residential rental property, and**
- **are unaware of Vermont's Lead Paint Law that creates annual safety obligations.**

**We are here to help!** The Lead Paint Law applies to all residential rental properties built before 1978 (the year that lead was banned in paint), **regardless of any renovations**. If you have not filed a compliance statement with the State you are required to do so annually. You can enroll in the Landlord Restoration Program by attending our upcoming community forum:

Aldrich Public Library  
6 Washington Street | Barre, VT 05641  
Tuesday June 19, 2018 at 4:00pm

At the community forum, we will provide detailed information and referral support. **If you can't attend**, please enroll online at [consumer.vermont.gov](http://consumer.vermont.gov) and we will contact you directly.

More information can be found on the enclosed Fact Sheet or [www.healthvermont.gov/emp](http://www.healthvermont.gov/emp). Have additional questions? Contact the Attorney General's Consumer Assistance Program at [AGO.CAP@vermont.gov](mailto:AGO.CAP@vermont.gov) or 800-649-2424.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to see you on June 19<sup>th</sup>!

**\*Why is compliance with the Lead Law important?** It helps to prevent lead poisoning and it protects you, the landlord, from future liability. Vermont has some of the oldest rental housing stock in the country and lead poisoning remains a health hazard. Fewer than 30% of Vermont's rental properties are registered with the Department of Health.

**\*Please note that if you are not in compliance and do not participate in this program**, you may be subject to enforcement by the Health Department and/or the Attorney General's Office, including administrative fines or penalties. Our goal is to encourage compliance through education and awareness. Attend the community forum to learn more.

**\*Eligibility restrictions:** The Landlord Restoration Program is not available to property owners who are already subject to a complaint or enforcement action for failure to comply.

**\*Get EMP certified:** a free EMP training class will be scheduled soon in the Barre area. For those details, visit: [www.vhcb.org/Lead-Paint](http://www.vhcb.org/Lead-Paint)

**\*Assistance is available:** The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board can help you comply with the EMP law and make your property lead-safe. Assistance ranges from stabilizing deteriorated paint to replacing windows. For more information, call 802-828-5064 or visit [www.vhcb.org/Lead-Paint/](http://www.vhcb.org/Lead-Paint/)