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CHESTER HILL APARTMENT CORP.

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APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE

Return to: Garthchester Realty
440 Mamaroneck Ave., S-512
Harrison, NY 10528

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please complete all sections of the application. If a section is not applicable to you, so state.
2. Purchaser must provide **six (6) collated** copies of the following documents prior to the Board considering the application. ***Please do not bind, staple or print double-sided.***
 - a. fully completed application with all attached forms signed.
 - b. a signed copy of your last two (2) years Federal tax returns with all schedules attached. Also a copy of all W-2's submitted with the tax return, as well as last two pay stubs.
 - c. copies of latest bank statements (at least 3 consecutive months).
 - d. two (3) personal letters of reference and two (3) professional letters of reference for each applicant.
 - e. letter of reference from your present employer stating annual salary and length of employment.
 - f. letter of reference from current landlord or managing agent.
 - g. fully executed contract of sale, together with any riders thereto.
 - h. a copy of your bank mortgage commitment if financing is being obtained.

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3. The application, documents and a non-refundable application fee(s), payable to Garthchester Realty, in the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty (\$450.00) Dollars **plus** One Hundred and Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars **per person** (for a background check) must accompany your application. These fees are non-refundable.
4. The Board reserves the right to request additional information prior to considering your application.
5. By submitting this application for the Board's consideration, you are representing that all statements contained therein are true to the best of your knowledge and are authorizing the Board to verify all statements, including the Board obtaining a current credit report.
6. Where there is more than one purchaser, the information requested is to be answered by all purchasers.
7. The purchaser(s) and all persons to reside at the residence will be required to attend a personal interview with the members of the Admissions Committee of the Board of Directors prior to the committee's moving on the application.

***NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON FRIDAYS AFTER 12PM**

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APPLICATION TO PURCHASE SHARES OF THE CORPORATION

NOTICE

Article II of Chapter 700 of the Laws of Westchester County, known as the Westchester County Fair Housing Law, prohibits discrimination in housing accommodations on the basis of a person or persons' actual or perceived race, color, religion, age, national origin, alienage or citizenship status, ethnicity, familial status, creed, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, source of income, or status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual abuse, or stalking.

Section 700.21-a of the Westchester County Fair Housing Law governs applications to purchase shares of stock in cooperative housing corporations, and applies to this application. Under this section, the cooperative housing corporation is required to comply with the following deadlines:

1. Within fifteen days of the receipt of this application, the cooperative housing corporation must either acknowledge that it has received a complete application, or shall notify you of any defect in the application.
2. If you are notified of any defect in the application, within fifteen days of the receipt of the corrected application the cooperative housing corporation must either acknowledge that it has received a complete application, or shall notify you any defect in the application.
3. Within sixty days of receipt of a complete application, the cooperative housing corporation must approve or deny your application, and provide written notice thereof.
4. If your application is denied, the cooperative housing corporation is required to provide notice to the Westchester County Human Rights Commission, including your contact information.

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SUGGESTED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE ONLY SOME OF THE FACTORS THE BOARD TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN REVIEWING APPLICATIONS. THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST.

IN REACHING A DECISION, THE WEIGHT GIVEN BY THE BOARD TO EACH OF THE CRITERIA MAY VARY.

1. Income: 30% of monthly gross income goes toward housing.
2. Credit Score: Minimum 725
3. Percentage of Purchase Price to be financed: Maximum 80%
4. Debt-to-Income: Max. 30% of DTI
5. Total Assets: Minimum 6 months liquid assets covering all expenses.
6. Job History: Minimum 5 years of employment history
7. Use of the apartment as a permanent residence: Shareholder must live in residence. Unit cannot be bought to 3rd party.

NO PETS ALLOWED

UNIT BEING PURCHASED _____ SHARES _____

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE _____

PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE PURCHASE OF THE APARTMENT

Purchaser	_____	_____
	Name	Name
	_____	_____
	Soc. Sec. No.	Soc. Sec. No.
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	Present Address	Present Address
	_____	_____
	Telephone No. (home)	Telephone No. (home)
	_____	_____
	Telephone No. (business)	Telephone No. (business)
	_____	_____

AUTOMOBILES OWNED:

Type	_____	_____
Year	_____	_____
Model	_____	_____
Plate No.	_____	_____
State	_____	_____

PARKING SPACES ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE OR GUARANTEED

PURCHASER'S ATTORNEY

Attorney Responsible	_____	Name of Law Firm	_____
Telephone Number	_____	_____	_____
		Address	_____

SELLER (S) REAL ESTATE BROKER

Agent Responsible

Name of Real Estate Firm

Telephone Number

Address

PURCHASER (S) REAL ESTATE BROKER

Agent Responsible

Name of Real Estate Firm

Telephone Number

Address

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please set forth the name(s) of the purchaser(s) of all financially responsible individuals on the purchase agreement who will reside in the apartment.

NAME

CHESTER HILL APARTMENTS CORP. HEREBY ADVISES THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER(S) THAT UNLESS EXPRESSLY WAIVED BY THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN WRITING, ALL FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS EXPECTED TO OCCUPY THE APARTMENT MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER(S) INTERVIEW WITH THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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This unit shall be occupied by _____ person(s) only, and said occupant shall be subject to all rules, regulations and provisions of the Proprietary Lease as are presently in effect, or as shall be amended by the Board of Directors of the Chester Hill Apartment Corporation. The shareholder shall be responsible for the performance, as well as any non-performance of the aforesaid. Any costs, fees or disbursements incurred by the Chester Hill Apartment Corp., or any damage to the common areas or the apartment premises shall be the responsibility of the shareholder.

SHAREHOLDER(S):

Apt. No. _____

Date: _____

NO SUBLETTING ALLOWED

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

INCOME

PURCHASER

CO-PURCHASER

Name of Employer

Name of Employer

Position or Title

Position or Title

Number of Years Employed*

Number of Years Employed*

Annual Gross Wages

Annual Gross Wages

Additional Income**

Additional Income**

*In the event you have been employed at your present position for less than three years, please provide the information requested for prior employment. In the event you attended an institution of education during the past three years rather than being employed, please set forth the name of the institution and the degree or other certificate, if any, awarded.

**Provide this information only if you desire the Corporation to consider this income in acting on your application.

Purchase Price _____
Payment on Contract _____
Balance Due at Closing _____

FINANCING

Amount _____

Is your Loan a Fixed Rate Loan? _____

If "no" please explain _____

Name of Lending Institution _____

Address of Lending Institution _____

Name of Representative of Lending
Institution Responsible for Application . _____

Telephone Number of Lending Institution _____

STATE THE SOURCE OF ANY FUNDS USED IN THE PURCHASE OF THE APARTMENT
OTHER THAN YOUR OWN PERSONAL FUNDS OR THE FUNDS TO BE OBTAINED
FROM THE LENDING INSTITUTION SET FORTH ABOVE.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS

	Applicant 1	Applicant 2
Cash Deposit (for this transaction)	_____	_____
Other Cash Assets	_____	_____
Savings/Money Market	_____	_____
Total Securities	_____	_____
Real Estate Owned	_____	_____
Total Assets	_____	_____

LIABILITIES

Credit cards/installment loans	_____	_____
Auto Loans/Leases	_____	_____
Mortgage/Coop Loans	_____	_____
Other Liabilities	_____	_____
Total Liabilities	_____	_____

Evidence of all asset values stated above for consideration must be submitted!

PERSONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Monthly Income Statement)

	Applicant 1	Applicant 2
Gross Monthly Wages	_____	_____
Gross Monthly Other Income	_____	_____
Total Monthly Income	_____	_____
MONTHLY EXPENSES		
Credit cards/loans	_____	_____
Auto loans/leases	_____	_____
Projected monthly maintenance This purchase	_____	_____
Mortgage payments this purchase	_____	_____
Alimony	_____	_____
Child support	_____	_____
Liens/judgments	_____	_____
Tuition	_____	_____
Travel expenses	_____	_____
Other monthly payments	_____	_____
Total monthly payments	_____	_____

REFERENCES

You must submit two personal and one business letters of reference for each individual purchasing an apartment. Each letter must include the relationship of the writer to the purchasing individual.

Personal References

Purchaser

Co-Purchaser

Name

Name

Address

Address

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

Name

Name

Address

Address

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

BUSINESS REFERENCES

Purchaser

Co-Purchaser

Name

Name

Address

Address

Name of Individual Providing Reference

Name of Individual Providing Reference

Position or Title

Position or Title

Telephone Number

Telephone Number

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please set forth the name, address and telephone number of your present landlord or managing agent: _____

Please set forth the number of years you have resided at your present address. _____ if less than three years please state your prior address and provide the information requested above. _____

Are you obligated to pay alimony, child support or separation maintenance?

Are you a party to any lawsuit? _____

Has an eviction proceeding been brought against you within the past five (5) years? _____

Have you filed for bankruptcy, had your assets attached or your salary garnished within the past five (5) years? _____

Are there any outstanding judgments or liens against you? _____

If you answered yes to any of the five preceding questions, please set forth the details on a separate piece of paper.

THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED HEREIN IS ESSENTIAL TO THIS APPLICATION BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF A COOPERATIVE APARTMENT COMPLEX AND THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF THE COMMUNITY IT FORMS. THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO SUBMIT TO CHESTER HILL APARTMENTS ALL FURTHER DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE CORPORATION PRIOR TO ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSED SALE, INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

THE UNDERSIGNED FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE(SHE) HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE PURCHASER OF A COOPERATIVE APARTMENT TAKES, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPRIETARY LEASE AND ASSUMES ALL OF THE SELLER'S OBLIGATIONS THEREUNDER AND IS OBLIGATED TO SIGN SUCH DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH PURPOSE AS CHESTER HILL APARTMENTS CORP. MAY REQUIRE.

I certify statements made in this application have been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief are true, correct and complete. I have no objection to inquiries to any person or institution being made for the purpose of verifying the facts herein stated. I understand that the filing of this application does not in any way bind the Cooperative Corporation to consent to the assignment of this apartment to me.

Purchaser's Signature

Date

Co-Purchaser's Signature

Date

COMPLETE ONE PER APPLICANT

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF CONSUMER CREDIT REPORT INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANY OR CORPORATION

I _____ hereby authorize Garthchester Realty and the agencies used by this company or corporation, the release of, and/or permission to obtain and review, full consumer credit report information from the credit reporting agencies and/or their *vendors*. Without exception this authorization shall supersede and retract any prior request or previous agreement to the contrary. Copies of this authorization, which show my signature, have been executed by me to be as *valid* as the original release signed by me.

Compliance by the Subscriber with all provisions of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (Public Law 91-508, 15 U.S.C. Section 1681ET SEQ., 604-615) and the Consumer Credit Reporting Act (California Civil Code Sec. 1785.1-1785.34) or other jurisdictional requirements. Information will be requested only for the Subscriber's exclusive use, and the Subscriber will certify for each request the purpose for which the information is sought and that the information will be used for no other purposes.

X BY WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONSUMER TO WHOM IT RELATES

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Phone #: _____

Current Address:

The Board of Directors
Chester Hill Apartment Corp.
c/o Garthchester Realty
440 Mamaroneck Ave, S-512
Harrison, N.Y. 10528

Dear Sirs:

I have read the Proprietary Lease of Chester Hill Apartment Corp. and will abide by all the rules and regulations set forth. Specifically, any apartment construction/renovation plans will be submitted to the cooperative's managing agent for approval prior to the commencement of any work.

I further understand that it is the responsibility of the shareholder to maintain the tile and grouting in the bathroom(s) in such a manner that no water leaks into the apartment below or the common areas of the building.

DATED: _____

NO PETS ALLOWED

The Board of Directors
Chester Hill Apartment Corp.
c/o Garthchester Realty
440 Mamaroneck Ave, S-512
Harrison, NY 10528

Re: Moving Procedures

To the Board:

I understand that I must notify Garthchester Realty Ltd. in writing, not less than one week prior to the actual move. Notices should be addressed to Garthchester Realty 440 Mamaroneck Ave, S-512, Harrison, New York 10528.

NO MOVING WILL BE PERMITTED ON SUNDAYS OR HOLIDAYS. Moving allowed Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (no exceptions) through the main entrance only. There will be no moves allowed through the service entrance. Also, no moving trucks are to be parked in the parking lot.

A \$250 deposit is required for all moves.

Further, the party moving in and the moving company must notify the superintendent two days prior to the actual move. His telephone number is (914) 939-6745.

DATED: _____

CHESTER HILL APARTMENT CORPORATION
HOUSE RULES

1. The public halls and stairways of the building shall not be constructed or used for any purpose other than ingress to and egress from the apartments in the building, and the fire towers shall not be obstructed in any way.
2. No patient of any doctor who has offices in the building shall be permitted to wait in the lobby.
3. Children shall not play in the public halls, lobby, courts, stairways, fire towers, fire escapes or elevators and shall not be permitted on the roof unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
4. No public hall above the ground floor of the building shall be decorated or furnished by any Lessee in any manner without the prior consent of all of the Lessees to whose apartments such hall serves as a means of ingress and egress in the event of a disagreement among such Lessees, the Board of Directors shall decide.
5. No Lessee shall make or permit any disturbing noise in the building or do or permit anything to be done therein which will interfere with the rights, comfort or convenience of other Lessees. No Lessee shall play upon or suffer to be played upon any musical instrument or permit to be operated a phonograph or a radio or television loudspeaker in such Lessee's apartment between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and the following 8:30 a.m. if the same shall disturb or annoy other occupants of the building. No construction or repair work or other installation involving noise shall be conducted in any apartment except on weekdays (not including legal holidays) and only between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
6. No article shall be placed in the halls or on the staircase landings, fire escapes or fire towers, nor shall anything be hung or shaken from the doors, windows, terraces or balconies or placed upon the window sills of the building.
7. No awnings, window air-conditioning units or ventilators shall be used in or about the building except such as shall have been expressly approved in writing by the Lessor or the managing agent, nor shall anything be projected out of any window of the building without similar written approval.
8. No sign, notice, advertisement or illumination shall be inscribed or exposed on or at any window or other part of the building, except such as shall have been approved in writing by the Lessor or the managing agent.
9. No velocipedes, bicycles, scooters or similar vehicles shall be allowed in a passenger elevator and baby carriages and the above mentioned vehicles shall not be allowed to stand in public halls, passageways, areas, fire escapes or courts of the building.

10. Messengers and tradespeople shall use such means of ingress and egress as shall be designated by the Lessor.
11. Garbage and refuse from the apartments shall be disposed of only at such times and in such manner as the superintendent of the managing agent of the building may direct.
12. Water closets and compactor rooms in the building shall not be used for any purpose other than those for which they were constructed, nor shall any sweeping, rubbish, rugs or any other article be thrown into them.
13. No Lessee shall send any employee of the Lessor out of the building on any private business of a Lessee.
14. No animal shall be kept or harbored in the building unless the same in each instance be expressly permitted in writing by the Lessor; such permission shall be revocable by the Lessor. Further, if permission has been obtained for a Lessee to keep or harbor an animal, under no circumstances shall said animal be permitted on the terrace, if any, adjacent to the apartment.
15. No radio or television ariel shall be attached to or hung from the exterior of the building without the prior written approval of the Lessor or the managing agent.
16. No vehicle belonging to a Lessee or to a member of the family or guest, subtenant or employee of a Lessee shall be parked in such manner as to impede or prevent ready access to any entrance of the building by another vehicle.
17. The Lessee shall use the available laundry facilities only upon such days and during such hours as may be designated by the Lessor or the managing agent.
18. Unless expressly authorized by the Board of Directors in each case, the floors of each apartment must be covered with rugs or carpeting or equally effective noise-reducing material to the extent of at least 80% of the floor area of each room except only kitchens, pantries, bathrooms and closets.
19. No group tour or exhibition of any apartment or its contents shall be conducted, nor shall any auction sale be held in any apartment without the consent of the Lessor or its managing agent.
20. The Lessee shall keep the windows of the apartment clean. In the case of refusal or neglect of the Lessee during 10 days after notice in writing from the Lessor or the managing agent to clean the windows, such cleaning may be done by the Lessor, which shall have the right, by its officers or authorized agents, to enter the apartment for the purposes and to charge the costs of such cleaning to the Lessee.

21. The passenger and service elevators, unless of automatic type and intended for operation by a passenger shall be operated only by employees of the Lessor, and there shall be no interference whatever with the same by the Lessees or members of their families or their guests, employees or subtenants.
22. Complaints regarding the service of the building shall be made in writing to the managing agent of the Lessor.
23. Any consent or approval given under these House Rules by the Lessor shall be revocable at any time.
24. With respect to the parking area and garage in the building, the Lessee will abide by all arrangements made by the Lessor with regard to the garage parking area and the driveways thereto.
25. The following rules shall be observed with respect to compactor equipment.
 - i. All wet debris is to be securely wrapped or bagged in small package size to fit easily into the hopper panel.
 - ii. Debris should be completely drip-free before it leaves the apartment and carried to the compactor room in a careful manner and in a drip-proof container; then placed into the flue hopper so it will drop into the flue for disposal.
 - iii. No bottles or cans shall be dropped down the flue, but shall be left in a neat manner in recyclable container bins in the compactor room.
 - iv. Cartons, boxes, crates, sticks of wood or other solid matter shall not be stuffed into hopper opening. Small items of this nature may be left in a neat manner on the compactor room floor. Bulky items should be left at the garage level by the elevator and for disposal.
 - v. Under no circumstances should carpet sweepings containing naphthalene, camphor balls or flakes, floor scrapings, plastic wrappings or covers, oil soaked rags, empty paint or aerosol cans or any other inflammable, explosive, highly combustible substances or lighted cigarettes or cigar stubs be thrown into the garbage flue.
 - vi. Vacuum cleaner bags must never be emptied into the flue. Such dust, dirt, etc. should be wrapped in a securely tied bag or package and then be placed through the hopper door panel into flue.
 - vii. The superintendent shall be notified of any drippings, or moist refuse, appearing on compactor room floor and corridors.
26. No Lessee shall install any anything at all on the terrace or balcony including but not limited to on the floor, ceilings, walls, on furniture, in planters or attached to railings. It is expressly Lessees may only place one (1) table and not more than four (4) chairs may be kept on the terrace and same must be secured when not in use and must have rubber or felt protectors on the legs to avoid damage to the terrace or balcony surface. A Lessee is responsible for any damage caused by the items placed by the Lessee on the balcony. No items are permitted to be stored on the terrace or balcony.

No items are permitted to hang off or be attached to the railings on the terrace or balcony. Any table and chair(s) that are placed on the terrace, or balcony by a shareholder must be removed prior to any weather event that could cause the items to shift or be blown off the terrace, balcony or roof no floor covering is allowed to be placed on the terrace or balcony. Lessee may not paint the floor or ceilings of the balcony or terrace or alter the terrace or balcony in any way. The fire escape may not be used as a terrace or balcony by any Lessee including the D and E line fires escapes. In the event that there is damage to the terrace or balcony due to the non-compliance with these rules then in such event the shareholder shall be responsible for the cost to repair the damage caused.

27. The agents of the Lessor, and any contractor or workman authorized by the Lessor, may enter any apartment at any reasonable hour of the day for the purpose of inspecting such apartment to ascertain whether measures are necessary or desirable to control or exterminate any vermin, insects or other pests and for the purpose of taking such measures as may be necessary to control or exterminate such vermin, insects or other pests. If the Lessor takes measures to control or exterminate carpet beetles and/or bed bugs and/or other such similar vermin, the cost thereof shall be payable to the Lessee, as additional rent.
28. These House Rules may be added to, amended or repealed at any time by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Lessor.
29. The room adjacent to the pool in the basement of the building is only open for residents when the pool is operating unless alternate arrangements have been made with Management in advance.
30. There is no loitering in the lobby and/or parking area of the building and residents are not permitted to play loud music from vehicles parked in said parking area.
31. There is no storage area in the building and residents must either store property entirely within his/her/their apartment or must make appropriate arrangements for offsite storage of property. Nothing may be stored in the hallways, stairways, terrace, balcony or fire escape.



Garthchester Realty

How to Make Monthly Maintenance Payments:

(1) ACH, E-Check or Credit Card via our website:

Payments via the website - www.garthchesterrealty.com - will require you to register and setup an online user profile. You will need to input your **Resident Account Number**. *The statement sample below indicates how to locate your Resident Account Number.* (an administrative fee will be charged for credit card payments)

(2) Bill Pay Account via Your Bank:

Please note the bill payment service provided by your bank produces a manual check that is sent directly to NCB's lockbox at the address below. *Please initiate the payment 3-5 days prior to the due date to ensure the payment will be processed in a timely manner. Please indicate your Resident Account Number on the memo line (Ex. XX/XX).*

(3) Mail a Check payable to:

Name of Property
Garthchester Realty
PO Box 5089
White Plains, NY 10602-5089

SAMPLE STATEMENT & ACCOUNT etc.

BOB SMITH
123 MAIN STREET #1D
SCARSDALE, NY 10583



DATE	07/01/15
ACCOUNT NO.	XX/XX
AMOUNT DUE	\$654.87

Please Remit Payment To:

GARTHCHESTER REALTY
P.O. BOX 5089
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10602-5089

Make Check Payable To:

NAME OF PROPERTY

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Please note with cut backs at the United States Postal Service (USPS) any payments sent after business hours on Friday or anytime during the weekend or holidays will not be picked up until the following business day. In addition any documents in transit may not be delivered during that same period. Payments by paper check or bill pay service may experience delayed arrival. Normal business days for USPS delivery are Monday through Friday except for Holidays. Banking and financial services provided by National Cooperative Bank, N.A. Member FDIC.



Receiving your monthly invoices **just got easier**



Register for eBills

Simplify your life... Go paperless

Receive your invoice online:

- View current invoices
- Review past invoices anytime
- Update your email

Register just once at: www.garthchesterrealty.com

1. Click on the 'Go Paperless and then Register' button.
2. Complete the registration form (you will need the WebReg# from your invoice).
3. Click the 'Create your account' button.
4. You will receive an email shortly thereafter requiring you to click on the 'Complete your activation' button to finish the process.

It couldn't be easier! Simply visit www.garthchesterrealty.com to register

* Registrations after the 18th of the month may take effect the following month

Disclosure of Information on Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Lead Warning Statement

Every purchaser of any interest in residential real property on which a residential dwelling was built prior to 1978 is notified that such property may present exposure to lead from lead-based paint that may place young children at risk of developing lead poisoning. Lead poisoning in young children may produce permanent neurological damage, including learning disabilities, reduced intelligence quotient, behavioral problems, and impaired memory. Lead poisoning also poses a particular risk to pregnant women. The seller of any interest in residential real property is required to provide the buyer with any information on lead-based paint hazards from risk assessments or inspections in the seller's possession and notify the buyer of any known lead-based paint hazards. A risk assessment or inspection for possible lead-based paint hazards is recommended prior to purchase.

Seller's Disclosure

(a) Presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) _____ Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain).

(ii) _____ Seller has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

(b) Records and reports available to the seller (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) _____ Seller has provided the purchaser with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).

(ii) _____ Seller has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

Purchaser's Acknowledgment (initial)

(c) _____ Purchaser has received copies of all information listed above.

(d) _____ Purchaser has received the pamphlet *Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home*.

(e) Purchaser has (check (i) or (ii) below):

(i) _____ received a 10-day opportunity (or mutually agreed upon period) to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards; or

(ii) _____ waived the opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

Agent's Acknowledgment (initial)

(f) _____ Agent has informed the seller of the seller's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4852d and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

Certification of Accuracy

The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information they have provided is true and accurate.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Seller	Date	Seller	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Purchaser	Date	Purchaser	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Agent	Date	Agent	Date

Simple Steps to Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards

If you think your home has lead-based paint:

- Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.
- Always keep painted surfaces in good condition to minimize deterioration.
- Get your home checked for lead hazards. Find a certified inspector or risk assessor at epa.gov/lead.
- Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe certified renovation firms.
- Before buying, renting, or renovating your home, have it checked for lead-based paint.
- Consult your health care provider about testing your children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C.
- Remove shoes or wipe soil off shoes before entering your house.

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Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



June 2017

Are You Planning to Buy or Rent a Home Built Before 1978?

Did you know that many homes built before 1978 have **lead-based paint**? Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards.

Read this entire brochure to learn:

- How lead gets into the body
- How lead affects health
- What you can do to protect your family
- Where to go for more information

Before renting or buying a pre-1978 home or apartment, federal law requires:

- Sellers must disclose known information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards before selling a house.
- Real estate sales contracts must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.
- Landlords must disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint.

If undertaking renovations, repairs, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or apartment:

- Read EPA's pamphlet, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*, to learn about the lead-safe work practices that contractors are required to follow when working in your home (see page 12).



Lead Gets into the Body in Many Ways

Adults and children can get lead into their bodies if they:

- Breathe in lead dust (especially during activities such as renovations, repairs, or painting that disturb painted surfaces).
- Swallow lead dust that has settled on food, food preparation surfaces, and other places.
- Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

Lead is especially dangerous to children under the age of 6.

- At this age, children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.



Women of childbearing age should know that lead is dangerous to a developing fetus.

- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

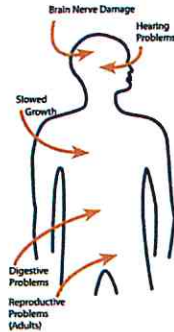
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Health Effects of Lead

Lead affects the body in many ways. It is important to know that even exposure to low levels of lead can severely harm children.

In children, exposure to lead can cause:

- Nervous system and kidney damage
- Learning disabilities, attention-deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence
- Speech, language, and behavior problems
- Poor muscle coordination
- Decreased muscle and bone growth
- Hearing damage



While low-lead exposure is most common, exposure to high amounts of lead can have devastating effects on children, including seizures, unconsciousness, and in some cases, death.

Although children are especially susceptible to lead exposure, lead can be dangerous for adults, too.

In adults, exposure to lead can cause:

- Harm to a developing fetus
- Increased chance of high blood pressure during pregnancy
- Fertility problems (in men and women)
- High blood pressure
- Digestive problems
- Nerve disorders
- Memory and concentration problems
- Muscle and joint pain

Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

In general, the older your home or childcare facility, the more likely it has lead-based paint.¹

Many homes, including private, federally-assisted, federally-owned housing, and childcare facilities built before 1978 have lead-based paint. In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint.²

Learn how to determine if paint is lead-based paint on page 7.

Lead can be found:

- In homes and childcare facilities in the city, country, or suburbs,
- In private and public single-family homes and apartments,
- On surfaces inside and outside of the house, and
- In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources, such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

Learn more about where lead is found at epa.gov/lead.

¹ "Lead-based paint" is currently defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter (mg/cm), or more than 0.5% by weight.

² "Lead-containing paint" is currently defined by the federal government as lead in new dried paint in excess of 90 parts per million (ppm) by weight.

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Check Your Family for Lead

Get your children and home tested if you think your home has lead.

Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect lead. Blood lead tests are usually recommended for:

- Children at ages 1 and 2
- Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead
- Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan

Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.

Identifying Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, or damaged paint) is a hazard and needs immediate attention. **Lead-based paint** may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear and tear, such as:

- On windows and window sills
- Doors and door frames
- Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches

Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition and if it is not on an impact or friction surface like a window.

Lead dust can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Lead dust also forms when painted surfaces containing lead bump or rub together. Lead paint chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can reenter the air when the home is vacuumed or swept, or when people walk through it. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in dust as hazardous:

- 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors
- 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ and higher for interior window sills

Lead in soil can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in soil as hazardous:

- 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil
- 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard

Remember, lead from paint chips—which you can see—and lead dust—which you may not be able to see—both can be hazards.

The only way to find out if paint, dust, or soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes how to do this.

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Checking Your Home for Lead

You can get your home tested for lead in several different ways:

- A **lead-based paint inspection** tells you if your home has lead-based paint and where it is located. It won't tell you whether your home currently has lead hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a lead-based paint inspector, will conduct a paint inspection using methods, such as:
 - Portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine
 - Lab tests of paint samples
- A **risk assessment** tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a risk assessor, will:
 - Sample paint that is deteriorated on doors, windows, floors, stairs, and walls
 - Sample dust near painted surfaces and sample bare soil in the yard
 - Get lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples
- A **combination inspection and risk assessment** tells you if your home has any lead-based paint and if your home has any lead hazards, and where both are located.



Be sure to read the report provided to you after your inspection or risk assessment is completed, and ask questions about anything you do not understand.

What You Can Do Now to Protect Your Family

If you suspect that your house has lead-based paint hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:

- If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.
- Keep painted surfaces clean and free of dust. Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner. (Remember: never mix ammonia and bleach products together because they can form a dangerous gas.)
- Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust.
- Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads often during cleaning of dirty or dusty areas, and again afterward.
- Wash your hands and your children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, or eating soil.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe Certified renovation firms (see page 12).
- Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron, and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products. Children with good diets absorb less lead.

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Checking Your Home for Lead, continued

In preparing for renovation, repair, or painting work in a pre-1978 home, Lead-Safe Certified renovators (see page 12) may:

- Take paint chip samples to determine if lead-based paint is present in the area planned for renovation and send them to an EPA-recognized lead lab for analysis. In housing receiving federal assistance, the person collecting these samples must be a certified lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor
- Use EPA-recognized tests kits to determine if lead-based paint is absent (but not in housing receiving federal assistance)
- Presume that lead-based paint is present and use lead-safe work practices

There are state and federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your state or local agency for more information, visit epa.gov/lead, or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for a list of contacts in your area.³

³ Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Reducing Lead Hazards

Disturbing lead-based paint or removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.

- In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition, you can **temporarily** reduce lead-based paint hazards by taking actions, such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover lead-contaminated soil. These actions are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- You can minimize exposure to lead when renovating, repairing, or painting by hiring an EPA- or state-certified renovator who is trained in the use of lead-safe work practices. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, learn how to use lead-safe work practices in your home.
- To remove lead hazards permanently, you should hire a certified lead abatement contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent control.



Always use a certified contractor who is trained to address lead hazards safely.

- Hire a Lead-Safe Certified firm (see page 12) to perform renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects that disturb painted surfaces.
- To correct lead hazards permanently, hire a certified lead abatement professional. This will ensure your contractor knows how to work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly.

Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

Reducing Lead Hazards, continued

If your home has had lead abatement work done or if the housing is receiving federal assistance, once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be conducted until clearance testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following levels:

- 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) for floors, including carpeted floors
- 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for interior windows sills
- 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window troughs

For help in locating certified lead abatement professionals in your area, call your state or local agency (see pages 14 and 15), or visit epa.gov/lead, or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

Other Sources of Lead

Lead in Drinking Water

The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures.

Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986.

You can't smell or taste lead in drinking water.

To find out for certain if you have lead in drinking water, have your water tested.

Remember older homes with a private well can also have plumbing materials that contain lead.

Important Steps You Can Take to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes.
- Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator).
- If you use a filter certified to remove lead, don't forget to read the directions to learn when to change the cartridge. Using a filter after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead.

Contact your water company to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead. Your area's water company can also provide information about the lead levels in your system's drinking water.

For more information about lead in drinking water, please contact EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have other questions about lead poisoning prevention, call 1-800-424-LEAD.*

Call your local health department or water company to find out about testing your water, or visit epa.gov/safewater for EPA's lead in drinking water information. Some states or utilities offer programs to pay for water testing for residents. Contact your state or local water company to learn more.

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Renovating, Repairing or Painting a Home with Lead-Based Paint

If you hire a contractor to conduct renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or childcare facility (such as pre-school and kindergarten), your contractor must:

- Be a Lead-Safe Certified firm approved by EPA or an EPA-authorized state program
- Use qualified trained individuals (Lead-Safe Certified renovators) who follow specific lead-safe work practices to prevent lead contamination
- Provide a copy of EPA's lead hazard information document, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*



RRP contractors working in pre-1978 homes and childcare facilities must follow lead-safe work practices that:

- **Contain the work area.** The area must be contained so that dust and debris do not escape from the work area. Warning signs must be put up, and plastic or other impermeable material and tape must be used.
- **Avoid renovation methods that generate large amounts of lead-contaminated dust.** Some methods generate so much lead-contaminated dust that their use is prohibited. They are:
 - Open-flame burning or torching
 - Sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools and equipment not equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment
 - Using a heat gun at temperatures greater than 1100°F
- **Clean up thoroughly.** The work area should be cleaned up daily. When all the work is done, the area must be cleaned up using special cleaning methods.
- **Dispose of waste properly.** Collect and seal waste in a heavy duty bag or sheeting. When transported, ensure that waste is contained to prevent release of dust and debris.

To learn more about EPA's requirements for RRP projects, visit epa.gov/getleadsafe, or read *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*.

Other Sources of Lead, continued

- **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.
- **Your job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your body or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.
- **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture. Call your local health department for information about hobbies that may use lead.
- **Old toys and furniture** may have been painted with lead-containing paint. Older toys and other children's products may have parts that contain lead.*
- Food and liquids cooked or stored in **lead crystal** or **lead-glazed pottery or porcelain** may contain lead.
- Folk remedies, such as "**greta**" and "**azarcon**," used to treat an upset stomach.

* In 1978, the federal government banned toys, other children's products, and furniture with lead-containing paint. In 2008, the federal government banned lead in most children's products. The federal government currently bans lead in excess of 100 ppm by weight in most children's products.

For More Information

The National Lead Information Center

Learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and get other information about lead hazards on the Web at epa.gov/lead and hud.gov/lead, or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)**.

EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline

For information about lead in drinking water, call **1-800-426-4791**, or visit epa.gov/safewater for information about lead in drinking water.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline

For information on lead in toys and other consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, call **1-800-638-2772**, or visit CPSC's website at cpsc.gov or saferproducts.gov.

State and Local Health and Environmental Agencies

Some states, tribes, and cities have their own rules related to lead-based paint. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your state or local contacts on the Web at epa.gov/lead, or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access any of the phone numbers in this brochure through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at **1-800-877-8339**.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

The CPSC protects the public against unreasonable risk of injury from consumer products through education, safety standards activities, and enforcement. Contact CPSC for further information regarding consumer product safety and regulations.

CPSC

4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814-4421
1-800-638-2772
cpsc.gov or saferproducts.gov

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. Contact HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for further information regarding the Lead Safe Housing Rule, which protects families in pre-1978 assisted housing, and for the lead hazard control and research grant programs.

HUD

451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8236
Washington, DC 20410-3000
(202) 402-7698
hud.gov/offices/lead/

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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Offices

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

Region 1 (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, OES 05-4
Boston, MA 02109-3912
(888) 372-7341

Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 2
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
Building 205, Mail Stop 225
Edison, NJ 08837-3679
(732) 321-6671

Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, DC, West Virginia)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 814-2088

Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 4
AFC Tower, 12th Floor, Air, Pesticides & Toxics
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8998

Region 5 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 5 (DT-8J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3666
(312) 886-7836

Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and 66 Tribes)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
(214) 665-2704

Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd.
WWPD/TOPE
Lenexa, KS 66219
(800) 223-0425

Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop St.
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 312-6966

Region 9 (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 9 (CMD-4-2)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 947-4280

Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)
Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 10
Solid Waste & Toxics Unit (WCM-128)
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 553-1200

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IMPORTANT!

Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil in and Around Your Home Can Be Dangerous if Not Managed Properly

- Children under 6 years old are most at risk for lead poisoning in your home.
- Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- Homes, schools, and child care facilities built before 1978 are likely to contain lead-based paint.
- Even children who seem healthy may have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.
- Disturbing surfaces with lead-based paint or removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.
- People can get lead into their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- People have many options for reducing lead hazards. Generally, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard (see page 10).



Building Standards
and Codes

Fire Prevention
and Control

New NYS Law Requires Smoke Alarm Upgrades by April 1, 2019

Effective April 1, 2019, a new NY State law requires all **NEW** or **REPLACEMENT** smoke alarms in New York State to be powered by a 10-year, sealed, non-removable battery, or hardwired to the home.



This does not affect your currently installed smoke alarms

You don't need to replace alarms that are currently in your home or apartment - but any that you replace need to be 10-year battery powered or hardwired.

Important to note, smoke alarms have an estimated life of around 10 years before they become unreliable.

Breakdown of the new smoke alarm requirements

According to NYS Law 399-ccc: "It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to distribute, sell, offer for sale, or import any battery operated smoke detecting alarm device powered by a replaceable or removable battery not capable of powering such device for a minimum of ten years."

Homeowners and landlords must upgrade their smoke alarms before selling or renting homes and apartments in New York State.

While these 10-year smoke alarms have a larger upfront cost than traditional alarms powered by replaceable batteries (approximately \$20 per unit) the lack

of yearly battery changes makes them cheaper over the life of the device.

As with ALL smoke alarms,manufacturesrecommends that the 10-year sealed smoke alarms still be tested at least twice each year using the button on the front of the unit to ensure they are working properly.

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

Do I need to replace the alarms I have installed already?

You are NOT required to immediately replace your current smoke detectors, but any that are replaced or added after April 1st are required to be 10-year battery powered or hardwired. After this date, traditional removable battery smoke alarms will be unavailable for purchase in NY State.

Are they more expensive than non-sealed alarms?

Up front? Yes. In the long term? No. Most 10-year sealed smoke alarms range in price from roughly \$20-\$30, making their initial investment higher than a non-sealed alarm, but non-sealed alarms require annual battery changes. The cost of these replacement batteries average \$38 over their 10-year life span, meaning they ultimately cost more than the sealed version.

Do they really last 10 years?

Yes, they do, the sealed lithium battery (included) will never have to be replaced throughout the life of the alarm, giving you a decade of peace of mind even in the event of a power outage

Will I activate the alarm when I'm cooking something?

No. There are 10-year sealed alarms specifically designed for the kitchen with

advanced sensors that can tell the difference between cooking smoke and real fire.

Why did the law change to require these upgrades?

The dangerous habit of disabling or removing smoke detectors after an accidental alarm while cooking is a major part of why this new legislation went into effect, so alarm manufacturers considered this issue in the design of 10-year sealed alarms. You are very likely to experience less nuisance alarms than you did with your traditional battery alarm.

Are 10-year sealed smoke alarms better than hard-wired smoke alarms?

There are advantages to both systems. Hard-wired smoke alarms tie into your home's wiring and require professional installation, but generally do not require battery changes unless they feature a backup battery. 10-year sealed battery-only alarms are simple to install, and they work during a power failure. All smoke alarms have a life span of 10 years, sealed or non-sealed, and should be tested on a regular basis. When the battery wears out in a 10-year sealed alarm, the entire unit must be replaced, which helps prevent outdated units from staying in operation.

What about landlords and their rental properties?

10-year sealed alarms offer security and convenience to landlords, who are legally required by New York State to provide smoke detectors in their rental properties. The tamper-proof design of these alarms prevents tenants from removing the batteries due to nuisance alarms, or to use the batteries for another purpose. The 10-year lifespan of these lithium batteries means fewer changes and fewer equipment updates. Overall, there is a lesser chance of equipment failure in the event of a fire