

One item Holland residents with homes built prior to 1978 should understand is that their home may contain lead-based paint. As lead-based paint ages, it cracks, peels, chips, and powders, creating a chance for children and adults to ingest it either via mouth or nose and enter the blood stream. According to the Mayo Clinic a few of the signs and symptoms of lead poisoning in children and/or infants include:

- Developmental delays
- Learning difficulties
- Slowed growth
- Irritability
- Abdominal pain
- Fatigue

Lead poisoning in adults includes signs and symptoms such as:

- High blood pressure
- Abdominal pain
- Joint pains
- Declines in mental functioning
- Pain or numbness/tingling in extremities
- Memory loss
- Mood disorders
- Miscarriage or premature birth in women



If renovations are to be started in or on a home that was constructed prior to 1978 that will impact existing painted surfaces, lead-safe renovation practices should be followed to protect the persons living in the home. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prepared the document "[The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right](#)" which provides basic information on lead paint hazards and the proper techniques and resources to deal with this hazard as a home is renovated.

Structure

According to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey, the Town of Holland has a significantly higher percentage of 1-unit detached structures (typically single-family homes) at 99.4 percent than either Brown County or the State of Wisconsin at 65.1 and 66.7 percent, respectively. The Town has a proportionately smaller percentage of duplexes and all types of multifamily units. The relative lack of more dense housing types is most likely due to a lack of public sewer and water services within the Town that could adequately handle the needs of these housing types and because Holland has not yet faced the development pressures that other Brown County Towns have. However, Holland should begin to monitor the demands of an aging population to ensure that the Town's senior population housing needs are met in Holland or nearby communities. Figure 5-2 identifies the total number of housing units in structure in Holland and the estimated number of units they contain.

¹ [The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right](http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/renovaterightbrochure.pdf). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, September, 2011.
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