



EXAMPLE CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE

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PROPERTY: Approximately 583± acres with 2 homes located at 56670 US Highway 231, Oneonta, AL 35121, Blount County PIN#'s 17410, 17425, 17428, 17432, 17412, 17421, 17415, 17418, 18481,18609, 18560, 23983, 25078, 28839, 32638, 39773 and a 29± acre tract on Hwy 231 (hereinafter referred to as "Property").

PARTIES: J & G Farms, LLC and Capehart Farms, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Seller") and _____ (hereinafter referred to as "Purchaser")

PURCHASER ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Seller and Purchaser hereby agree that the Seller shall sell, and the Purchaser shall buy the following Property upon the following terms and conditions:

I. DESCRIPTION

The following Exhibits will be attached to and made part of CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE (hereinafter referred to as "Sales Contract"):

- A. Terms and Conditions of Sale: See attached (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit A")
- B. Sales Map: See attached (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit B")
- C. Lead Based Paint Disclosure: See attached (hereinafter referred to as "Exhibit C")

II. PURCHASE PRICE

EXAMPLE ONLY - USING THE STARTING BID

| | | |
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| High Bid Price | | \$1,700,000.00 |
| Buyer's Premium (10% of High Bid Price) | plus | <u>\$ 170,000.00</u> |
| Total Contract Price (High Bid Price + Buyer's Premium) | | \$1,870,000.00 |
| Deposit (10% of the <u>Total Contract Price</u>) | minus | <u>\$ 187,000.00</u> |
| Balance Due at Closing (on or before Monday, December 18, 2023) | | \$1,683,000.00 |

THIS IS A CONTINGENCY-FREE SALES CONTRACT AND IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PURCHASER OBTAINING FINANCING. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS OFFER IS IRREVOCABLE AND CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN BY PURCHASER.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY DISCLOSURE

Listing Company: Target Auction & Land Co., Inc. through its Alabama broker, Dewey Jacobs.
The Listing Company is an agent of the Seller.

Buyer Agent Company, if any: _____
If no company/name is entered, no commission will be paid. The Buyer Agent/Broker is an agent of the Purchaser. Compensation will be paid at closing in the amount outlined in the Broker Compensation Form.

CLOSING: This transaction shall be closed by Landmark Title of Alabama, LLC located at 208 3rd Ave E, Oneonta, AL 35121, Contact: Mandy Foust at 205-625-5512 or Mandy@LandmarkTitleAL.com with the deed and other closing papers delivered on or before **Monday, December 18, 2023**, unless extended by provision of the Sales Contract. If closing is delayed by actions or lack of actions of Purchaser after the required closing date or extended closing date, the Purchaser will forfeit all of his/her deposit. The deposit will be retained by Seller and Target Auction & Land Co., Inc. as liquidated damages. Any breach of the terms of this Sales Contract by Purchaser, the closing/escrow agent is expressly authorized and instructed to disburse the deposit and any registration amount (if required) without the requirement of any further writing or agreement of the parties. No fees will be charged, nor damages applicable for an extension when closing is delayed by Seller, Seller's closing/escrow agent, and/or Seller's surveyor. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

Purchaser Initials _____

Seller Initials _____

- III. **RESTRICTIONS/EASEMENTS/LIMITATIONS:** The Purchaser shall take title subject to present zoning classification, homeowners associations, restrictions, prohibitions, and other requirements imposed by government authority; restrictions and matters appearing on the plat or otherwise common to the subdivision; public utility easements of record; and any other items of record.
- IV. **TYPEWRITTEN OR HANDWRITTEN PROVISIONS:** Typewritten or handwritten provisions inserted herein or attached hereto as an addendum shall control all printed provisions of Sales Contract in conflict therewith, provided that such inserted provisions bear the initials of Purchaser and Seller denoting acceptance of and agreement to the modification.
- V. **PRORATIONS:** General real estate taxes, insurance premiums and any other similar items shall be adjusted ratably as of the time of closing.
- VI. **TITLE INSURANCE:** As a condition precedent to disbursement of the sale proceeds Landmark Title of Alabama, LLC shall be prepared to issue an Owner's Title Insurance Policy in the amount of the Total Contract Price, showing title in Purchaser's name, subject to matters an accurate survey would reveal and the title exceptions contained in Owner's Title Insurance Policies used by its underwriter. Conveyance by Seller to Purchaser shall be by Warranty Deed, consistent with any limitations as set out in this Sales Contract.
- VII. **POSSESSION DATES:** Possession is not authorized before closing and shall be given subject to any existing lease(s). See Terms and Conditions of Sale ("Exhibit A") for any additional requirements.
- VIII. **COMMISSION:** The commission payable in this sale is not set by the Area Board of Realtors, Inc. but is negotiable between the Seller and Target Auction & Land Co., Inc. The Seller agrees to pay Target Auction & Land Co., Inc. as agent a sales commission in the amount agreed upon in a separate written agreement. No commission will be paid by Purchaser.
- IX. **CONDITION OF PROPERTY:** The Property and all systems and appliances, if any, are purchased "As Is". Neither Seller nor Target Auction & Land Co., Inc. makes any representations or warranty of any kind as to the condition of subject Property.

TARGET AUCTION & LAND CO., INC. further makes no warranty or representation regarding the subject Property. It is the sole responsibility of the Purchaser, at Purchaser's risk and expense to make whatever environmental or physical or engineering searches, inspections, or assessments that Purchaser, in its discretion deems advisable prior to bidding on the Property.

THIS IS A LEGAL BINDING CONTRACT AND IS NON-TRANSFERABLE WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE SELLER.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

PURCHASER:

SELLER: J & G FARMS, LLC

BY: NAME **DATE**
ITS:

BY: JEFFREY NEAL MARTIN **DATE**
ITS: MANAGING MEMBER

BY: NAME **DATE**
ITS:

SELLER: CAPEHART FARMS, LLC

BY: JEFFREY NEAL MARTIN **DATE**
ITS: MANAGING MEMBER

TARGET AUCTION & LAND CO., INC., an
Alabama Real Estate Brokerage

BY: DEWEY JACOBS **DATE**
ITS: ALABAMA QUALIFYING BROKER

BY: DEWEY JACOBS **DATE**
ITS: PRESIDENT & CEO

PRELIMINARY TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

Purchase Terms for

583± Acre Whited Lake Farm in Oneonta, AL

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 11:00 am CT

- ❖ Target Auction & Land Co., Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Auction Company”)
- ❖ J & G Farms, LLC and Capehart Farms, LLC (hereinafter referred to as “Seller”)
- ❖ Approximately 583± acres with 2 homes located at 56670 US Highway 231, Oneonta, AL 35121, Blount County PIN#’s 17410, 17425, 17428, 17432, 17412, 17421, 17415, 17418, 18481,18609, 18560, 23983, 25078, 28839, 32638, 39773 and a 29± acre tract on Hwy 231 (hereinafter referred to as “Property”)

THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD AS IS, WHERE IS WITH ALL FAULTS AND WITH NO CONTINGENCIES.

A TEN PERCENT (10%) BUYER’S PREMIUM WILL BE ADDED TO THE BID PRICE TO DETERMINE THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE.

1. TERMS OF SALE

- A. The Property will be offered through an online auction selling subject to Seller’s confirmation of bid. The bidding opens November 6, 2023 and concludes Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 11:00 am CT subject to auto-extend.
- B. Online bidder registration is required for approval to bid. No advance registration amount is required to bid.
- C. A ten percent (10%) buyer’s premium will be added to the high bid to determine the total contract price paid by the winning bidder (“Purchaser”).
- D. The terms of sale are a ten percent (10%) deposit based on the total contract price for the Property due no later than 4:00 pm CT on Friday, November 17, 2023, and the remaining balance due at closing on or before Monday, December 18th, 2023. The deposit will be held in a non-interest-bearing escrow account by Target Auction Company. Wire instructions will be provided.
- E. The Contract for Sale & Purchase (“Sales Contract”) is CONTINGENCY-FREE and shall be executed on auction day immediately after being declared the winning bidder.
- F. This sale is not contingent upon the Purchaser’s ability to obtain financing.
- G. No credit cards will be accepted.
- H. If for any reason the Purchaser fails or refuses to execute the Sales Contract and/or deposit the required funds after being confirmed the Purchaser as outlined herein, the Seller will declare the Purchaser in default and reserves the right to declare the bidder’s rights forfeited and may resell the Property. Seller reserves the right to seek specific performance.
- I. No changes to the Sales Contract or the Terms and Conditions of Sale will be permitted. The fully executed Sales Contract (together with all related Exhibits thereto) shall control and constitute the entire agreement between Purchaser and Seller.
- J. By submitting a bid and/or executing the Sales Contract in the name of a business entity or corporation, the individual doing so has the authority and enters into a guaranty agreement whereby he/she personally guarantees payment of the bid amount.
- K. By submitting a bid, the bidder acknowledges the bid is binding and cannot be withdrawn.
- L. In the event of a conflict with the Sales Contract and the Terms and Conditions of Sale, the Terms and Conditions shall control the provision in conflict.
- M. All documents are in English. If an interpreter or translator is deemed necessary to translate any documents or information, it is the Purchaser’s sole responsibility.
- N. All currency will be in U.S. dollars.
- O. The Property is selling AS IS, WHERE IS WITH ALL FAULTS AND WITH NO CONTINGENCIES. It is the Purchaser’s sole responsibility to be satisfied with the Property and verify any information deemed important PRIOR to bidding. All information is believed to be correct. However, neither the Auction Company nor Seller make any representations or warranty of any kind regarding the Property.
- P. Possession of Property will be at closing except for the apartment (see Property Disclosures, item I).
- Q. The Property will be conveyed by Warranty Deed free and clear of all liens and encumbrances subject to the terms and conditions relating to such liens and encumbrances contained in the Sales Contract and the Title Commitment (both are posted online for review). However, the Seller shall have up to sixty (60) days after the auction date to cure any defects in title, if any defects are discovered that are not addressed in the existing title commitment.

Purchaser Initials _____

Seller Initials _____

2. PROPERTY DISCLOSURES

- A. Seller will convey all mineral, gas, or oil rights applicable to the Property owned by Seller, if any. Seller does not believe they own any of these rights.
- B. Portion(s) of the Property may or may not be located in a flood zone.
- C. It is the Purchaser's responsibility to verify with any governing agency any requirements, guidelines, permits, or regulations pertaining to the Property and its use thereof.
- D. No guaranty or representation is made regarding any individual part of the Property's ability to pass a perc test.
- E. Any existing window treatments and/or built-in appliances will be conveyed with the Property.
- F. Any fence lines may or may not represent boundary lines.
- G. The Property has not been surveyed for the auction and will be conveyed by existing legal description. However, a sales map was completed by Ray W. Sport, PLS, (posted online for review as "Sales Map") and estimates the property to contain 583± acres. Should the Purchaser or Purchaser's lender desire any survey work, it will be at the Purchaser's option and expense, and will not affect the closing. If a survey shows a greater or lesser amount of acreage, the Sales Contract will not be adjusted.
- H. The Property is selling subject to all matters contained in the Title Commitment as well as any other documents of record (posted online for review).
- I. The apartment is currently leased for \$350.00 per month and the tenant will remain for ninety (90) days after closing. If Purchaser desires to have the tenant vacate the Property after ninety (90) days, Purchaser must give tenant a thirty (30) day notice. The rent will be prorated at closing.
- J. No personal property, furnishing, or equipment will be conveyed with the real estate.
- K. The home was built prior to 1978, both the Seller and Purchaser will be required to sign a Lead Based Paint Disclosure. Both the Lead Based Paint Disclosure and the EPA's booklet, "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" are available for review online. Any inspections deemed necessary by Purchaser will need to be completed prior to bidding.

3. UPDATES and CORRECTIONS

It is the sole responsibility of the Purchaser to check for any updates or corrections prior to the end time of the auction.

Any updates, revisions, additions, deletions, or corrections to these Terms and Conditions of Sale will be added here:

- A. The Purchase Agreement was updated adding "Exhibit C Lead Base Paint Disclosure". Also, see an additional disclosure noting the same above in Section 2 Property Disclosures, Item K.

4. CLOSING

- A. **Closing must be completed on or before Monday, December 18, 2023. This is the closing deadline.** Closing will be completed by Landmark Title of Alabama, LLC located at 208 3rd Ave E, Oneonta, AL 35121, Contact: Mandy Foust at 205-625-5512 or Mandy@LandmarkTitleAL.com. **It is the Purchaser's responsibility to contact the closing agent and schedule closing.**
- B. The proceeds due from the Purchaser at closing shall be by confirmed wire transfer prior to closing and sent to Landmark Title of Alabama, LLC. Wire instructions will be provided.
- C. **Seller** will pay the preparation of the deed, title exam/commitment, any municipality assessments presently due, if any. The ad valorem taxes, and rent will be prorated to the closing date.
- D. **Purchaser** will pay all other closing cost, including but not limited to any recording fees, attorney's fees, wiring fees, loan/financing fees, additional survey fees, etc., if any. The ad valorem taxes, and rent will be prorated to the closing date. Title Insurance is available at the Purchaser's option and expense through Landmark Title of Alabama, LLC.

5. WIRE TRANSFERS

A transaction fee will apply to all incoming and outgoing funds transferred via wire.

6. DEFAULT

- A. It is agreed by all Parties that in the event the Purchaser fails to close and pay the balance when due, Seller and Auction Company reserve all rights allowed by law and the Sales Contract, including a suit for damages, specific performance or cancellation of the transaction, with the Seller to retain the deposit. In the event of any breach of the terms of this agreement by Purchaser, the Seller will declare the Purchaser in default and Purchaser agrees that the closing/escrow agent is expressly authorized and instructed to disburse the deposit without the requirement of any further approval or agreement from the Seller or Purchaser. Any action taken after Purchaser's default shall be solely at the Seller's option with all costs incurred by Seller being paid by the Purchaser. If any legal action is required to enforce this agreement, or to collect any fees or costs earned or advanced pursuant thereto, the Seller or Auction Company shall be entitled to recover any and all costs of such action, including, but not limited to, the expenses and court costs of the action and a reasonable attorney's fee.

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B. Closing/escrow agent shall disburse the Purchaser’s deposit to the Seller after the receipt of Seller’s written certification that the Purchaser’s Sales Contract has been terminated by reason of said Purchaser’s failure to cure a default in performance of Purchaser’s obligations herein. Closing/escrow agent may act in reliance upon any writing, instrument, or signature which it, in good faith, believes to be genuine, may assume the validity and accuracy of any statements or assertions contained in such writing or instrument and may assume that any person purporting to give any writing, notice, advice or instruction in connection with the provisions hereof has been duly authorized to do so. Closing/escrow agent shall not be liable in any manner for the sufficiency or correctness as to form, manner of execution, or validity of any written instructions delivered to it, nor as to the identity, authority, or rights of any person executing the same. The duties of closing/escrow agent shall be limited to the safekeeping of the deposit and the disbursement of same in accordance with the written instructions described above. Closing/escrow agent undertakes to perform only such duties as are expressly set forth hereto, and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into this agreement against closing/escrow agent.

7. AUCTION COMPANY AGENCY DISCLOSURE

The Auction Company is acting exclusively as the agent for the Seller in this transaction and is to be paid a fee by the Seller pursuant to a separate written agreement between Seller and the Auction Company. The Auction Company is not acting as an agent in this transaction for the Purchaser. Any third party buyer agent is not a subagent of the Auction Company.

8. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

The Property is available to Purchaser(s) without regard to race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or any other factor protected by federal, state or local law.

9. SIGNATURES and COUNTERPARTS

Electronic signatures and facsimiles shall serve as valid authority for this document and all documents pertaining thereto may be executed in counterparts, each of which is deemed an original and together constitute one document.

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Purchaser acknowledges that he/she has read and understands these Terms and Conditions of Sale.

By signing below each Purchaser and Seller acknowledge that this ‘Exhibit A’ consists of three pages, has read and understands same; these terms are made a part of the CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE.

PURCHASER:

SELLER: J & G FARMS, LLC

BY: NAME **DATE**
ITS:

BY: JEFFREY NEAL MARTIN **DATE**
ITS: MANAGING MEMBER

BY: NAME **DATE**
ITS:

SELLER: CAPEHART FARMS, LLC

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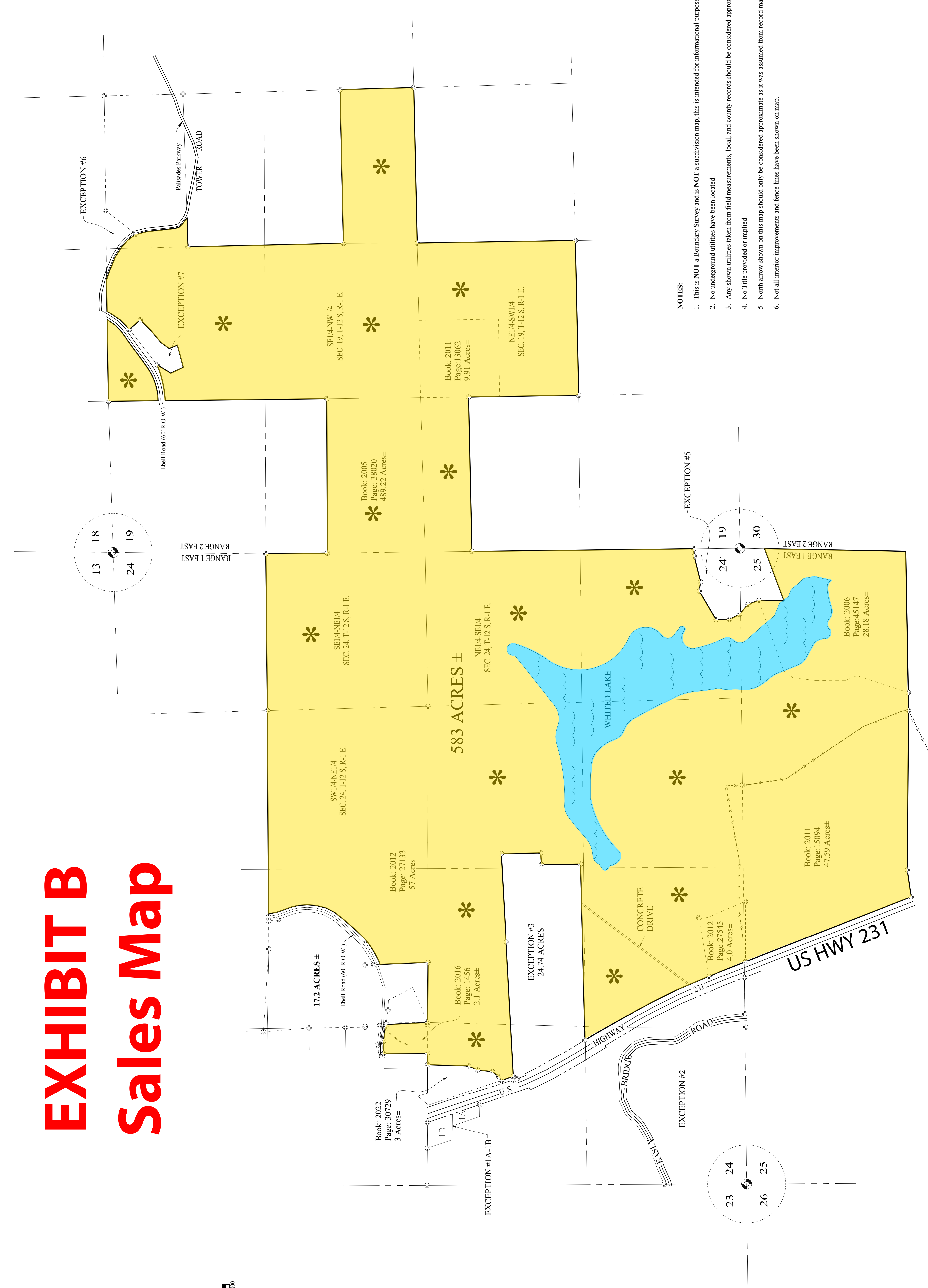
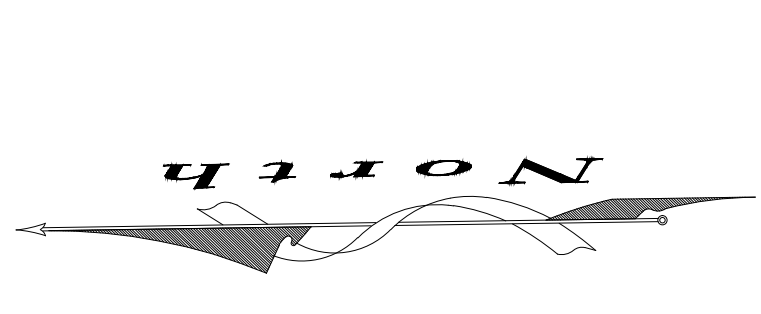
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EXHIBIT B Sales Map

LEGEND

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| " INCHES OR SECONDS | ⊙ MONUMENTED |
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| CL CENTERLINE | -X-X- FENCE LINE |
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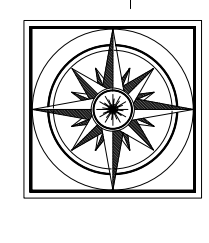
- NOTES:**
1. This is NOT a Boundary Survey and is NOT a subdivision map, this is intended for informational purposes only.
 2. No underground utilities have been located.
 3. Any shown utilities taken from field measurements, local, and county records should be considered approximate.
 4. No Title provided or implied.
 5. North arrow shown on this map should only be considered approximate as it was assumed from record map and is not true North.
 6. Not all interior improvements and fence lines have been shown on map.

Purchaser Initials _____

Seller Initials _____

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Note: This drawing is for information purposes only and does not constitute an authentic survey if not accompanied by a plat or endorsed registered land surveyor seal.



**EXAMPLE of the Lead-Based Paint Disclosure
that will be added as an Addendum to the Contract for Sale and Purchase**

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 |



Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



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 or 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).



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](https://www.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.

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.

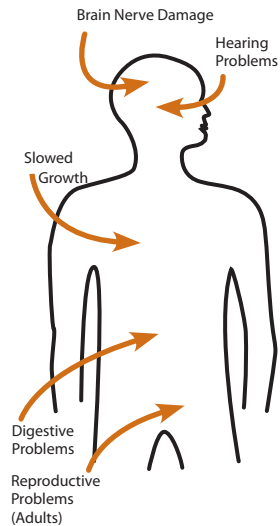
- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

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

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.

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](https://www.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/cm²), 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.

Identifying Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Deteriorated 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:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ 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.

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.

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](https://www.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.

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.

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 contractor. 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:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for interior windows sills
- 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window troughs

Abatements are designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards. However, lead dust can be reintroduced into an abated area.

- Use a HEPA vacuum on all furniture and other items returned to the area, to reduce the potential for reintroducing lead dust.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, troughs, and other hard surfaces with a damp cloth or sponge and a general all-purpose cleaner.

Please see page 9 for more information on steps you can take to protect your home after the abatement. For help in locating certified lead abatement professionals in your area, call your state or local agency (see pages 15 and 16), [epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead), or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

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

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](https://www.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.

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

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.⁴
- 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.

⁴ 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**.

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) 906-6809

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 (LL-17J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3666
(312) 353-3808

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.
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 (20-C04)
Air and Toxics Enforcement Section
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 553-1200

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 to Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes 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/lead

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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).