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Web site
to check out:

www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/

CDC has recently
updated their webpage
about lead. Check it out.

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National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is October 21-27, 2007. If you should need test kits or incentives for this week, please fill out an order form and send it back to me.

If you set up an exhibit or use any of the materials for anything in your county, please send me a clipping or email letting me know about it. I would like to post them in the next quarterly newsletter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Hidden Lead Hazards in the Home at Christmas

Take care this holiday season and protect your family from coming into contact with harmful residues that may be in ornaments, lights or toys. Lead can be present in unexpected places.

Occasionally, cherished heirloom ornaments are decorated with lead paint. Dust particles can get pressed onto the hands of family members decorating the tree. Very young children are most susceptible to lead poisoning and may put their hands, or even the ornaments, into their mouths.

Holiday lights can contain lead in the wiring. Parents should handle the lights, since dust may fall out of the wiring and onto children.

Some toys on the market could be manufactured with lead paints. Look at the package and if you are uncertain whether the toy contains lead paint, don't buy it. Some imported toys may contain lead, but do not have a warning. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at <http://www.cpsc.gov/> publishes a listing of products that have been recalled for various hazards.

Lead crystal glassware can leach the metal into beverages. Children and pregnant women should not use this type of glassware. Likewise, decorative dinnerware sometimes contains lead. Inspect labeling carefully to make sure dishes and food serving products are lead free.