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**It's time to change that.**

# Lead-Free NJ

## What is Lead-Free NJ?

Lead-Free NJ was created in 2021 as an equitable and inclusive collaborative. The organization works to ensure that New Jersey's children are free from lead poisoning and that our environment is lead-safe by advocating for changes to state and local policy.

Lead-Free NJ seeks to eliminate racial and economic inequities by focusing on legacy lead hazards in low-income communities and/or communities of color, while also creating the conditions for children to be free from lead poisoning statewide.



## Why does Lead-Free NJ exist?

New Jerseyans deserve to live and learn in healthy, safe spaces with access to clean drinking water. Lead found in paint, water, and soil disproportionately affects children under the age of six, causing serious medical and behavioral issues into adulthood.

Every year, more than 3,500 New Jersey children are found to have elevated blood lead levels above the federal standard. Many of these children reside in low-income communities and/or communities of color and are most at risk because of systemic legacy conditions.

**The time is now to enlist partners, demand action, and build power!**

# What are we working toward?

Lead-Free NJ members are committed to advancing the following shared goals:



### Holistic Lead Remediation

Eliminate childhood lead hazards in New Jersey within 10 years.



### Equitable Policy Change

Achieve adoption of proactive, equitable state and local policies that ensure that our environment is lead-safe and our children are unburdened by lead.



### Empowered Communities

Build the capacity and power of grassroots groups and affected communities.

# How can you get involved?



Lead-Free NJ unites community organizations, grassroots groups, community members, and decision-makers with statewide policy-oriented organizations to effect change at the local and state levels.

### Join Lead-Free NJ today!

Connect with a network of people striving to make New Jersey lead-free. Membership is **FREE**, and signing up is easy! Visit [www.leadfreenj.org/become-a-member/](http://www.leadfreenj.org/become-a-member/).

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