

# HOMEOWNERS' GUIDE TO HOUSING RESOURCES IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

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# Wipe Out Lead

## By Renovating Right!

Dutchess County Department of Health & the City of Poughkeepsie are partnering together to help homeowners & tenants have a Lead Safe home.

### Did you know?

- Homes built before 1978 may contain lead paint.
- Improper removal of lead-based paint increases the danger of lead poisoning to your family.
- Certain types of renovations can release lead from paint and dust.

See below for information for what you can do to Wipe Out Lead!

# Wipe Out Lead

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*If you think your home may have high levels of lead, have your children and home tested for lead.*

### Use Lead-Safe Work Practices!

Always use a professional who is trained to remove lead hazards safely or contact Dutchess County Department of Health for Lead Safe Removal training for your home.

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For more information contact:

**City of Poughkeepsie** - Building Inspector at 845.451.4007

**Dutchess County Department of Health** - visit <http://bit.ly/WipeOutLead>  
Lead Safe Removal training - 845.486.3404 or [healthinfo@co.dutchess.ny.us](mailto:healthinfo@co.dutchess.ny.us)

## Dutchess County Homeowner Funding Resource Guide

This guide lists funding resources available to current and future homeowners, including Home Repairs, Renovations, Home Buying, Homelessness, Rental Assistance, and Foreclosure Prevention.

### REPAIRS AND RENOVATION (See Page 7 for additional resources)

Dutchess County Department of Health's (DCDOH) Environmental Protection Agency's **Lead Safety Training for Remodeling, Repair, and Painting (RRP)**. Subscribe to the eNotifier service to receive information on available classes and registration. DCDOH also offers lead safety incentives (paint and painting supplies; home cleaning supplies). **Cost:** FREE.

**Eligibility:** Classes open to anyone. Supplies must be used on a home identified as containing lead.

<http://bit.ly/WipeOutLead>

845.486.3404

**Rebuilding Together** provides free rehabilitation and critical repairs to low-income homeowners, especially those with school-age children, so they can live in warmth, safety, and independence. Applicants will be considered for National Rebuilding Day work.

**Eligibility:** 80% below median income, have no liens apart from mortgages and home equity loans, and plan to reside in the house for next two years.

[www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org)

845.454.7310

**Hudson River Housing's Revolving Loan Fund: Better Home** provides loans to homeowners to do repairs or renovations on homes they own or plan to purchase.

**Eligibility:** Contact for more information.

<http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/education.html>

845.454.9288

### REPAIRS AND RENOVATION (Continued)

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** provides assistance with home energy needs. Services include financial assistance with fuel bills, emergency financial assistance for fuel/utility terminations, and referrals for weatherization service. **Eligibility:** Low income, those older than 60 or households with children less than six years of age.

<http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

845.486.2555

**Weatherization Assistance Program** lets income eligible families reduce their energy bills. Weatherization work is performed on your home, such as weatherstripping, caulking, wall and ceiling insulation, heating system improvements or replacement, efficiency improvements in lighting, hot water tank and pipe insulation, and refrigerator replacements. **Eligibility:** 60% of state median income.

<http://nysdhcr.gov/Programs/WeatherizationAssistance/>

845.452.5104

**Dutchess County Community Action Partnership Weatherization** available to homeowners and renters to install insulation, reduce air leaks, repair heating systems, caulk, wrap ducts, and provide weather stripping. **Eligibility:** TANF, SSI, Food Stamps, Veteran's Benefits or 200% below poverty level.

<http://www.dutchesscap.org/weatherization/services.php>

845.452.5104

**Habitat For Humanity** builds simple, decent houses in partnership with families in need and who are willing to be part of the building process. **Eligibility:** US resident families between 30% and 50% of the Dutchess County median family income, able to pay the no-interest mortgage, and willing to put in at least 500 hours of sweat equity.

<http://habitatofdutchess.org/index.php>

845.475.9336

## HOME BUYING ASSISTANCE

**Hudson River Housing's Pre-Purchase Counseling** provides you with a Housing Counselor who will help you prepare to purchase a home through personal one-on-one counseling sessions. Your Housing Counselor will maintain a relationship with you throughout the entire home buying process.

**Eligibility:** First-time Homebuyers.

<http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/education.html>

845.454.9288

**Hudson River Housing's First Time Home Buyer Program** provides income-eligible first-time home buyers down payment and/or closing assistance. Funds of up to \$10,000 are offered in the form of a 0% deferred loan, repayable upon sale or transfer of property within the first ten years of ownership and occupancy.

**Eligibility:** First-time home buyer, US resident, living in, employed in, or with a job offered in Dutchess County.

845.454.9288

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Planning/fthguideandapp.pdf>

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## HOMELESSNESS AID, RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

**Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)** provides a federal grant subsidizing rental assistance program through non-profit agencies for the HIV/AIDS population in Dutchess and Orange Counties. **Eligibility:** Resident of Dutchess or Orange County with HIV/AIDS.

845.452.5104

<http://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/departments/developmentplanning/communitydevelopment>

**Dutchess County Coalition for the Homeless (DCCH)** provides emergency housing, two meals, and showering facilities for up to 60 homeless adults each night.

**Eligibility:** Must pass screening by 8:15 pm.

[http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices\\_emerg.html](http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html)

845.454.5176

**Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)** works to prevent at-risk households from becoming homeless and to enable households that are already homeless to transition to stable housing. Provides case management, housing location, and limited financial assistance for security deposits, rent subsidies, utility payments, and moving costs.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must exhaust other community options.

<http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/pdf/hprpflyerwithappfinal.2010.pdf>

845.454.5176

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## **HOMELESSNESS AID, RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION** **(Continued)**

**Hudson River Lodging Gannett House Program** addresses the basic needs of homeless individuals and families that are placed in emergency housing. Provides meals, transportation, 24-hour security, and other immediate assistance and transition to stable housing.

**Eligibility:** Must apply for placement through Dutchess Social Services.

[http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices\\_emerg.html](http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html)

**845.452.0019**

**After-Hours Emergency Placement** facilitates emergency placement of adults and families who find themselves homeless due to non-disaster related circumstances and outside of the regular business hours of the Dutchess County Department of Social Services.

[http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices\\_emerg.html](http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/afservices_emerg.html)

**845.471.8454**

**For Homelessness due to a Disaster-related event:** Contact the American Red Cross at 845- 471 2000 if homelessness is disaster-related, such as a fire.

**Hudson River Housing's Revolving Loan Fund: Home Save** provides loans to homeowners to bring mortgages current and prevent foreclosure. For more information and eligibility guidelines, please contact HRH at:

<http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/education.html>

**845.454.9288**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Hudson River Housing's Grant Eligibility and Education Program**

Housing Counselors will explain what grants are currently available and assist in determining if your household is eligible.

<http://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/education.html>

**845.454.9288**

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