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Information Regarding Mold and Lead Paint

Mold

The Code Enforcement Office periodically receives questions concerning mold and requests for the inspection and testing of mold. Inspections **ARE NOT** performed by the staff of the City of Hagerstown Code Enforcement Office.

The City of Hagerstown Code Enforcement Office **DOES NOT** inspect for the presence of mold inside rental properties, nor do we have the authority to require mold testing. Inspection staff may be able to assist with identifying the source of any water entering habitable portions of the property which could be in violation of the Code (broken pipes, proper grading/drainage, clogged condensate lines, or other issues). Contact the Code Enforcement Office at 301-739-8577 x.103 to schedule an inspection.

There are commercially available Environmental Air Quality companies who can test for mold using specialized equipment and trained/licensed personnel. These services are not free. Refer to the web for specific listings for the companies.

There are currently no U.S. Government regulations concerning mold, however, recommendations concerning mold remediation is proven by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These recommendations can be found at the EPA website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/mold/moldresources.html>

Lead paint

Lead testing and certification is administered by the State of Maryland and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Lead paint testing is mandatory for rental properties built prior to 1978. The City of Hagerstown and its Rental Licensing Program tracks lead paint information for the State of Maryland. Additional information on the requirements and local lead paint inspectors can be found

at:<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/land/leadpoisoningprevention/pages/index.aspx>