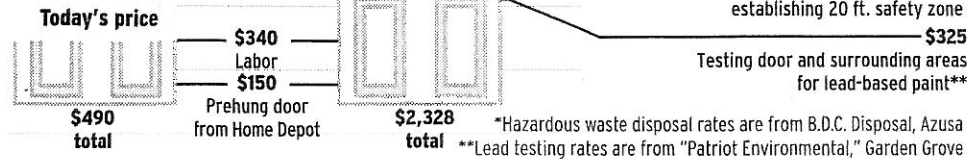


New costs

Although the Environmental Protection Agency states that the actual costs will be much less, here is Terry Singleton's breakdown of how new EPA regulations can raise the price of a door installation:



Source: Terry Singleton

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mon construction repair job where we will give you a quote to replace a simple side or back door on a house."

Singleton asserts that this price increase will force homeowners to hire unlicensed contractors or to abandon renovation projects, having a profound impact on an already troubled economy.

We ran some of Singleton's analysis by the EPA and sensed its collective eyebrows rising. "The economic analysis does say the new rule will increase costs, but the benefits will exceed the costs," spokesman Francisco Arcaute told us by e-mail.

He continued: Lead-based paint "is the primary source of exposure for children who are lead poisoned. Given that lead poisoning can cause a wide range of physical, intellectual, emotional, and behavioral issues with societal and financial impacts, the RRP (Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule) program is prevention-based, cost-effective, and a bargain in the long term. From the first year of the program alone, the total long-term health benefits of avoiding exposure to lead dust are estimated at between \$3.2 and \$7.6 billion nationally as outlined in the Economic

Tips on new regulations from EPA

There are millions of pre-1978 homes in California. Under the federal Renovation, Repair and Painting rule, you may, according to page 4 at www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/rrp-faq.pdf:

- Assume your home contains lead. Especially in older homes and buildings, this is the simplest and safest approach. For example, 87 percent of homes built before 1940 have some lead-based paint, while 24 percent of homes built between 1960 and 1978 have some lead-based paint.
- Test for lead. EPA-recognized test kits are available at hardware stores. Carefully follow the detailed instructions. To learn more, visit www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/testkit.htm.
- Hire a professional. A certified inspector or risk assessor can determine whether your home or a portion of it has lead-based paint. This will tell you the areas where lead-safe work practices should be used for renovation, repair or painting jobs. A certified risk assessor can tell you whether your home has any hazards from lead in paint, dust or soil and what actions to take. For help finding a certified risk assessor or inspector, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-424-LEAD (5323).

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

MORE ONLINE

Links to the rules and various analyses at ocregister.com/watchdogblog

Analysis of the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Proposed Rule.

"The Renovation, Repair and Painting program was designed to reduce lead contamination – and the incidence of lead poisoning – by training contractors in simple lead-safe work practices and certifying contractors to ensure that those practices are followed. ...

"EPA is striving to mini-

mize the economic impact of RRP on the regulated community with minimal certification fees, outreach campaigns to assist with compliance and marketing efforts, and helping states authorize their own programs."

We trust that homeowners and contractors out there will keep us apprised of how things shake out going forward. How much are repair bills going up as a result of this rule? Keep us posted.

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