



Human Relations
FAIR HOUSING

City of Springfield Fair Housing
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Human Relations—City of Springfield Community Development Department

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Fair Housing

Got Children? That's great! Families with children are protected under the fair housing act. You cannot be excluded from housing because you have children, unless it is housing for older persons, 55 and above. If you have a problem obtaining housing, speak up and/or call us.

Fair Housing law protects your right to not face discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, familial status, handicap status, military status or ancestry in any aspect of renting housing, purchasing a housing and getting housing loans. If you are having problems, call us and we will help you try to resolve the problem or help you file a fair housing complaint. If you are in HUD housing or getting a HUD loan, you are protected on **sexual orientation** also. **Call (937) 324-7696 for information.**

Mediation

Have you ever tried Mediation? Mediation is a way to talk out a conflict in a peaceful environment. The mediator gives you a peaceful space to talk and listen. Try using communication to find a win-win solution to your problem through mediation.

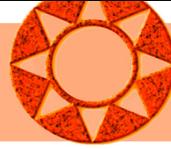
Free services available to City of Springfield residents. Mediation for: landlord-tenant disputes and neighbor disputes. Facilitation and strategic planning for community groups.

Call the Springfield Mediation Service for peacemaking advice, facilitation, conciliation services and mediation to talk through possible solutions at (937) 324-7696.

Phone Directory

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City of Springfield Fair Housing	(937) 324-7696
Clark County Fair Housing	(937) 521-2182
Mediation	(937) 324-7696
Code Enforcement	(937) 324-7385
Lead-Safe	(937) 328-3930



CultureFest 2015

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CultureFest 2015 will be held Saturday, September 26 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Springfield City Hall Plaza. Sign up now to be a volunteer by calling (937) 324-7696 Or find a registration form at: <http://www.springfieldohio.gov/culturefest> Mark your calendars to attend!

Interested in Buying a House?

Tired of having a landlord? Become a homeowner and you'll answer to yourself!

Take a class with the Neighborhood Housing Partnership. Call Jan Jones at (937) 322-4623 for classes and down payment assistance.

If you need to clean up your credit, schedule an appointment with Rachel Kloper at **Consumer Credit Counseling/GraceWorks** by calling (800) 377-2432.

Looking for Affordable Loans?

If you want a list of affordable loans from local lenders contact the **City of Springfield Fair Housing** at (937) 324-7696.

Global Education

Visit and Learn at Temple Sholom on Friday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m., 2424 N. Limestone. Experience a Jewish Friday night Shabbat service. The last program in the 2015-2016 Global Education Speaker Series.

Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. with Wittenberg scientists speaking on Earth Issues and Solutions. Join us! Room 105, Shovlin Center, Wittenberg University.

Pick up your 2015-2016 Global Calendar at the 2nd floor of Community Development beginning August 31, 2015. **Look on our website for a full schedule at:**

<https://springfieldohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Global-Ed-Calendar.pdf>

Got Lead?

Lead based paint causes a serious problem for young children. If you are a tenant or homeowner with children under 6 call Lead Safe Springfield to see if you would qualify for a grant to reduce the lead based paint hazard. (937) 328-3930. →

got lead? Assistance now available for
Springfield and Clark County



Housing Rehabilitation

LEAD SAFE PROGRAM

Lead-Based Paint can cause serious hazards for children under the age of 6. If your house has lead-based paint, you may be eligible for up to **\$10,000** to make your home lead safe. **Landlords and Owner-Occupants may be eligible.** Funding for: Windows, Siding and Rehab to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

Call 937.328.3930

The **Lead Safe Program** provides lead hazard control assistance to reduce lead paint hazards in pre1978 homes in the City of Springfield and Clark County.

Eligible properties are occupied by a child under 6 or a pregnant female. Vacant units may also qualify.

Income Limits for residents of home (either homeowners or tenants if it's an investment property)

Income Limit for Family Size

2 person—	\$34,800
3 person—	\$39,150
4 person—	\$43,450
5 person—	\$46,950
6 person—	\$50,450
7 person—	\$53,900

Program Specifics

- This program provides up to \$10,000 per unit to assist with lead hazard control costs through a grant or a no interest, no monthly payment, deferred loan.* After 1 year, 50% of the loan can be forgiven for landlords. The remaining 50% becomes due upon sale, refinance or title transfer of the property.
- The unit must not be placarded by the Clark County Combined Health District or the Ohio Department of Health, scheduled for demolition or in bankruptcy or foreclosure. It must also be in habitable, decent, safe and sanitary condition with a good roof and free of junk and trash.
- Owner occupied units must have a child under the age of 6 in residence or a pregnant female. Owner must be deed holder and current on mortgage payments
- The occupants must meet income eligibility for family size.

*Note: Grants are for owner occupied single family residences only. Rental units are provided deferred loans.

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