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New Jersey landlord lead-safe checklist

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1. ☐ Confirm the unit was built before 1978 and is not exempt (certified lead-free, seasonal, etc.).
2. ☐ Hire a DCA-certified lead evaluation contractor or request the municipal inspector.
3. ☐ Inspect at tenant turnover or at least every 3 years (whichever comes first).
4. ☐ Pay the \$20 state fee per unit plus your town's fee.
5. ☐ File the lead-safe certificate with the municipality; it is valid for 2 years.
6. ☐ Keep a copy and set reminders for turnover and expiry.

Covered jurisdictions

Where	Renews	Fees / fines
New Jersey (statewide, all municipalities)	3 years or tenant turnover; certificate valid 2 yrs	\$20 state fee per unit + municipal fee
Newark	per NJ law	\$25/unit certificate filing fee + \$20 state fee per inspection; city inspector fee set by ordinance; up to \$300/unit fine for no access (§16:3-20.6, verified 2026-10-20)
Jersey City	per NJ law	\$200/unit city inspection (Ord. 24-066, \$250) + \$20 state fee; or hire a DCA-cert

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		contractor (verified 2026-10-20)
Trenton	every tenant turnover or at least every 3 years; certificate valid 2 years	\$350 (1 BR) to \$600 (5+ BR) per unit, \$300 reinspection, \$50 filing + \$20 state fee; up to \$1,000/week late penalty (§132-135, verified 2026-10-20 via code summary)
Paterson	every 3 years or tenant turnover (dust wipe)	\$300 first unit + \$150 each additional unit same day; \$200/unit dust wipe; \$400 five-year certificate (Ch. 351-5, verified 2026-10-20; old \$200 figure was wrong)
Elizabeth	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Camden	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Edison	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Woodbridge	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Lakewood	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Clifton	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Passaic	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
East Orange	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Union City	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Bayonne	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Hoboken	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)

Perth Amboy	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
New Brunswick	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Plainfield	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Irvington	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Hackensack	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Linden	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Vineland	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Atlantic City	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
West New York	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
North Bergen	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Kearny	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Bloomfield	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Montclair	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Orange	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Long Branch	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)

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Asbury Park	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Millville	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Bridgeton	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)
Hamilton Township	3 years or tenant turnover	\$20 state fee + municipal fee (not checked)

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