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New York landlord lead-safe checklist

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1. ☐ Confirm whether your unit is covered (usually built before 1978).
2. ☐ Read your city's exact rule and renewal schedule (linked below).
3. ☐ Hire a state-licensed lead inspector or risk assessor.
4. ☐ Fix any deteriorated paint using lead-safe work practices before the inspection.
5. ☐ File or register the certificate with the city or state as required.
6. ☐ Track the expiry date and every tenant turnover.

Covered jurisdictions

Where	Renews	Fees / fines
Rochester	every 3 years (2026 rules)	C of O fee from \$150 (1-fam)/\$250 (2-fam)
Syracuse	every 3 years	Violations require clearance + reinspection
Albany	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Amsterdam	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source

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Auburn	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Binghamton	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Buffalo	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Cheektowaga	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Elmira	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Gloversville	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Jamestown	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Kingston	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Middletown	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Newburgh	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Poughkeepsie	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Rome	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Schenectady	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Troy	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Utica	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source

Watertown	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Yonkers	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Mount Vernon	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
New Rochelle	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Niagara Falls	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
Spring Valley	every 3 years (per Schenectady County)	enforced by local health dept; amounts not in source
New York City	one-time XRF test; work at every turnover	\$1,500 per unit or common area for missed XRF testing (Class C); turnover/recordkeeping violations \$250/day up to \$10,000

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