

# EPA'S HIT LIST

Here's a quick summary of all renovation companies that have been fined by EPA for alleged failure to comply with RRP rules. To our knowledge, no garage door firms have yet been fined.

Most fine-producing violations focus on failure to inform, such as failing to distribute the "Renovate Right" booklet to homeowners. The notable exception is the case against Colin Wentworth of Maine. EPA says it was

"the first action EPA has brought against a company or individual for lead safe work-practice violations."

In the Wentworth case, "the violations were brought to EPA's attention via an anonymous tip linking to a video ... posted on YouTube ... (which) documented workers using power equipment to remove lead paint from an exterior wall of a residential building." ■

FINES ANNOUNCED	COMPANY	LOCATION	ALLEGED VIOLATIONS	FINE
March 23, 2011	Permanent Siding and Windows	Milford, Conn.	"failed to provide lead hazard information to homeowners or occupants before doing renovations that may have disturbed surfaces coated with lead-based paint"	\$30,702
March 31, 2011	Window World of St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.	"failed to notify owners and occupants of ... lead-based paint risks prior to performing renovation work"	\$19,529 + \$20,048 of donated windows at nonprofit facilities
April 6, 2011	College Works Painting	Portland, McMinnville, Hillsboro, Ore.	"failing to inform homeowners or residents of possible lead hazards" "failed to establish and maintain records necessary to demonstrate compliance"	\$32,508
April 21, 2011	Window World of Omaha	Omaha, Neb.	"failed to notify owners and occupants of ... lead-based paint risks prior to performing renovation work"	\$3,976 + \$11,928 of donated windows at nonprofit facilities
May 16, 2011	Colin Wentworth	Rockland, Maine	"failed to: obtain required certification ... post warning signs ... cover the ground ... contain waste ... prohibit use of machines that remove lead-based paint through high speed operation without HEPA exhaust controls ... establish and maintain records"	To be announced

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