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Somerville Aluminum Lead Safe Certified Home Remodeling Contractor in Central Jersey Features and Endorses EPA Lead Certification



Central Jersey Home Remodeler Somerville Aluminum is proud to be and EPA Lead Certified Remodeling Contractor

SOMERVILLE, NJ, August 2nd, 2011— Somerville Aluminum is proud to affirm their Lead Certification with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). As a certified renovation contractor, Somerville Aluminum complies with lead-safe work practices of the EPA to endorse safe practices when remodeling a home or work area.

As of April 22, 2010, federal law requires contractors that disturb painted surfaces in homes, childcare facilities and schools, built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. Lead can be a very harmful agent when children and adults are exposed to it. Lead can affect a child's brain and developing nervous system, causing reduced IQ, disabilities, and behavioral problems, especially in children under the age of six.

A Lead Certified Remodeling Contractor has taken the required hours of education, passed a state test and has received a certificate that legally allows them to remove lead based paint (windows, doors, surfaces, etc) from a home. It also means that any contractors employed by the firm have also received the mandatory education. Many contractors choose not to participate in the EPA Lead Certification program because it is costly and time consuming. It is important for homeowners to ensure that they are working with a Lead Certified remodeling contractor, such as Somerville Aluminum, when remodeling an older home.

Somerville Aluminum's certification aims to directly combat the harmful effects that malpractice in lead-painted homes can have. Lead-based paint was used in more than 38 million homes until it was banned for residential use in 1978. Projects that disturb painted surfaces in such homes can create lead-laden dust and endanger you and your family. Homeowners can hire a certified professional to check for lead-based paint and hire a lead-certified contractor, such as Somerville Aluminum, to be sure that any renovation project is completed as safely as possible.

David Gropper, co-owner of Somerville Aluminum, felt strongly about Somerville Aluminum's commitment to having a safe practice towards lead, "Being lead certified enables us to control the harmful effects of lead that can cause problems in children and pregnant women," explained Gropper, "It's a serious issue. If contractors like us don't take this issue seriously, then we're not doing our part."



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Somerville Aluminum feels that its certification is a stepping-stone in the fight to combat lead's malignant effects. Gropper continued, "It's not about our business, it's about the people we work for and keeping their homes safe so that their kids and grandkids can enjoy it; that's doing our part."

Being in the business for 61 years, Somerville Aluminum sets a precedent for contractors by being lead certified. Each employee in a position requiring them to be licensed completes the necessary educational instruction, takes the state test and receives certification. Somerville Aluminum is truly able to do their part and lead the fight against lead's harmful effects.

For more information on EPA's Lead Certification Program, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead/pubs/toolkits.htm>

About Somerville Aluminum

Located on Main Street in downtown Somerville, NJ, Somerville Aluminum boasts the proud distinction of being one of New Jersey's top home improvement companies. Their efforts and successes were rewarded by being named "2011 Best of the Best in Central Jersey." Headed by brothers-in-law Gary Shiman and David Gropper, Somerville Aluminum prides itself on its long, family-owned tradition of providing high quality service and products to its customers. Since 1950, the driving force and guiding principle of the company has been complete customer satisfaction. Somerville Aluminum offers quality material craftsmanship for all of their products, including siding and roofing, windows and doors, total kitchen and bathroom remodels, and outdoor decking, and sunrooms. To learn more about what Somerville Aluminum has to offer, stop by the Somerville Aluminum showroom in downtown Somerville, conveniently located at 46 East Main Street across from the Somerset County Courthouse, visit the Somerville Aluminum Website: www.somervillealuminum.com or call (800) 725-8401. Also, please visit the Somerville Aluminum Facebook here: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/GoWithThePro/142015085865553>.

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