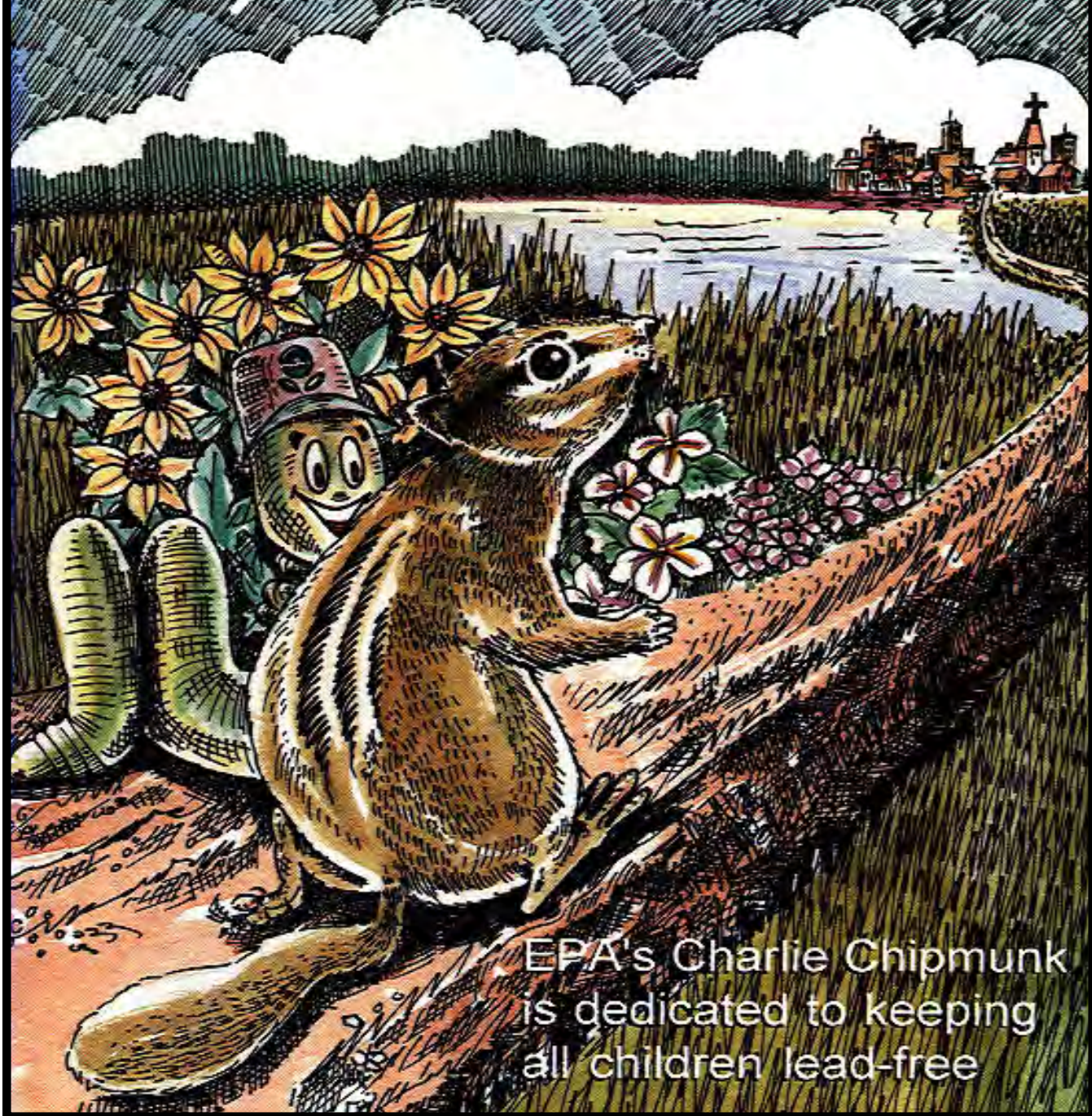


# CHARLIE

*goes to town*



EPA's Charlie Chipmunk  
is dedicated to keeping  
all children lead-free

***To parents and child care providers:***

*This story teaches children how to be lead-free.*

*Lead dust from deteriorated lead-based paint can poison children. Those under six are most in danger. Lead dust gets on their hands and they put their hands in their mouths.*

*Washing hands before meals is important. Foods high in iron and calcium and low in fat prevent lead from being absorbed.*

*Lead poisoned children may complain of headaches or stomachaches. The only way to know for sure is by a blood test. Your physician or clinic can order one.*

*-- Region 7 Lead Team*

# *Charlie Goes to Town*

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**“Where are you going, Charlie,”  
Woolly Worm asked?**



**“I’m going to town to tell children about lead-based paint.”**



**“what do we need to know,  
Charlie?”**



**“How to protect yourselves  
from lead poisoning,” said Charlie.**



**“Because lead can  
make children sick.”**





**“How do we protect ourselves?”**



**“Stay away from peeling paint,”  
Charlie answered.**



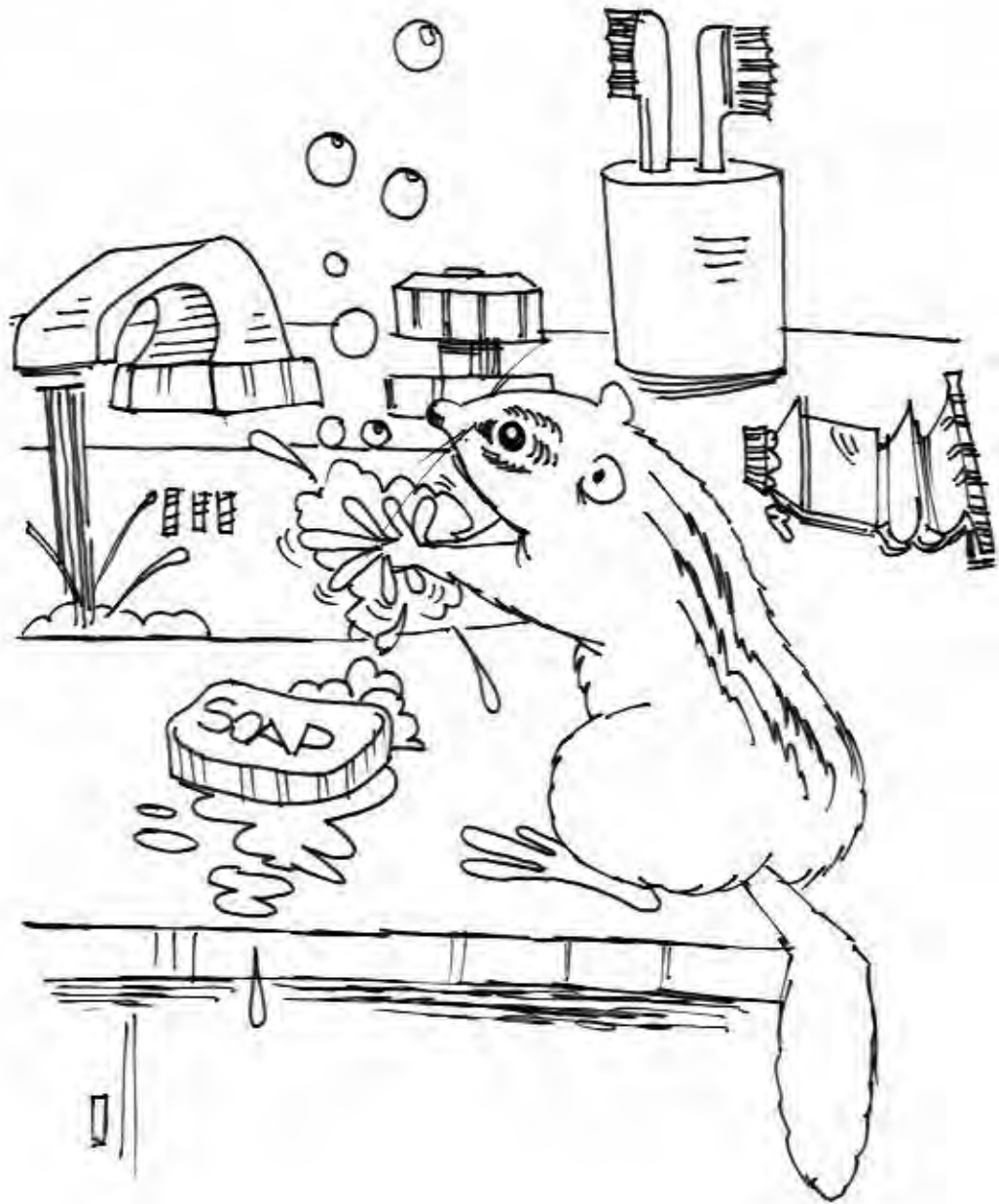
**“Old paint has lead in it.  
It gets in the dirt.”**



**“When you play in the dirt  
you get lead on your hands”**



**“So wash your hands often,”  
said Wooly Worm.**



**“After you play and before  
you eat,” Charlie said.**



**“Eat good food,” Charlie said.**



**“Milk, meat, fruits and vegetables  
are really good for you!”**





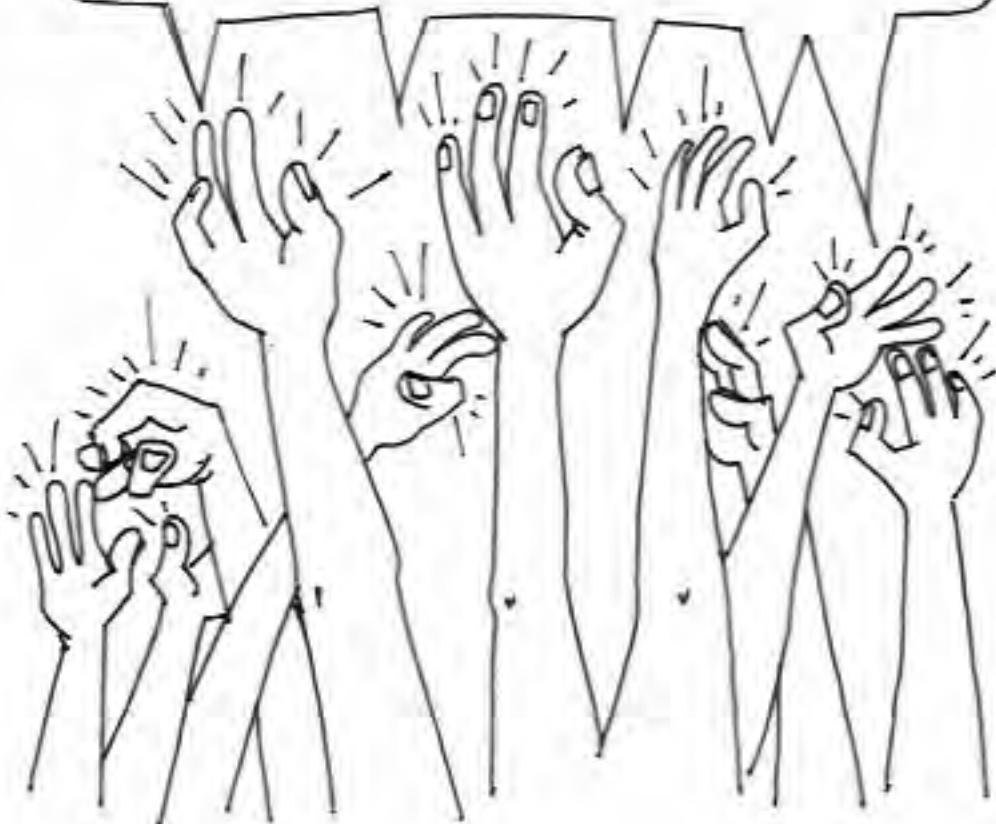
**“Do what I say so that you will be lead-free,” Charlie said.**



**“We want you to be healthy  
so you can come out and play,”  
said Wooly Worm.**

**NOW WE KNOW  
HOW TO BE**

**LEAD-FREE!**



## **For more information about lead hazards call -**

your county health department OR your state health department.

### **Missouri Department of Health**

1-573-526-4911 or 1-888-837-0927

### **Kansas Department of Health & Environment**

1-785-296-5606

### **Nebraska Department of Health**

1-402-471-0782

### **Iowa Department of Public Health**

1-515-242-6340

Other resources are:

### **National Lead Hotline**

1-800-LEADFYI

### **National Lead Information Center**

Clearinghouse, 1-800-424-LEAD

**St. Louis Lead Hotline:** 1-314-768-2629

**Kansas City Lead Hotline:** LeadBusters 1-913-438-LEAD



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