

soilSHOP at Baxter Community Center

Bring a soil sample in a Ziplock plastic bag, and we will screen it for lead!



Date: Tuesday, May 7th 2024

Location: 935 Baxter St. SE - 49506

Time: 3PM - 6PM

Our partners will be there to share information on:

Soil Screening provide community members with free lead screening of soil gathered from their gardens or outdoor play area(s) to help people learn if their soil is contaminated and information on how to reduce exposures.

Additional Event Information:

- Limit 3 soil samples per person
- Soil samples should be dry
- Must be present for testing (no drop offs)
- Instant results & information on how to navigate any adjustments that need to be made to keep your soil safe.

Please see sample collection instructions and information in the back.

Learn more, visit: www.atsdr.cdc.gov/soilSHOP





Collecting a Single Soil Sample:

Step 1: Identify an area of interest for your soil sample.

Step 2: Collect Soil - For a large area, collect soil from 5-10 random spots in that area, and combine in a clean container. For a small area, collect soil from 3 random spots and combine in a clean container.

(See table below for sampling depth per spot.)

Step 3: Mix soil well in clean container.

Step 4: Remove pebbles, rocks, and roots, and air dry. Do not use a flame, oven or hairdryer to dry the soil!

Step 5: Transfer 1 - 2 cups of the mixed soil into a clean one-quart Ziplock bag.



Note: For more than one sample, repeat steps 1-5. Rinse your container between samples. Limit of 3 sample bags/person.

Area of Interest	Sampling Depth for Each Random Spot (inches)
Garden Area	Collect all soil from the surface down to 6-8 inches deep
Play Area / non-garden area	Collect all soil from the surface down to 1-2 inches deep