

Yard Soil Replacement Work Complete for 2017

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This summer, the Department of Ecology and the Port of Ridgefield (port) removed dioxin contaminated soil in nine residential yards and some right-of-way areas in the neighborhood east of the port property (off-property phase 1 area, see map) at the Pacific Wood Treating cleanup site. Remaining yards in the rest of the off-property area (phase 2) will be cleaned up in the future.

We are finishing work in the last few yards

While most of the construction is complete for 2017, we are still finishing up replacing plants in a few yards. We expect to finish this work by mid- September.

What Happens Next?

- Once we find the extent of contamination, we will offer soil sampling to those last remaining homeowners.
- We have almost completed sampling in the off-property area,. Once it is complete we will release a report for public comment
- We will keep the website updated with the latest news.

How can I keep my family safe from possible contamination?

There are still some homes within the off property area that need to be cleaned up. In the meantime, there are several ways you can reduce your exposure to dioxins and other types of soil contamination. For example you can:

- Wash hands before eating and after playing or working outside.
- Remove your shoes before going inside.
- Prevent children from eating dirt.
- Wash children's toys and pacifiers often.
- Mop, vacuum, and dust with a damp cloth often.

Background

From 1964-1993, Pacific Wood Treating (PWT) operated on the Port of Ridgefield property. PWT pressure treated wood products with a variety of toxic chemicals. In 2009, the port began sampling in right-of-ways to define the extent of contamination in the off-property area. Dioxins were the only contaminant found above cleanup levels. From the right-of-way sample results it was clear that dioxins were also in yards. The yard soil sampling program started spring 2015.

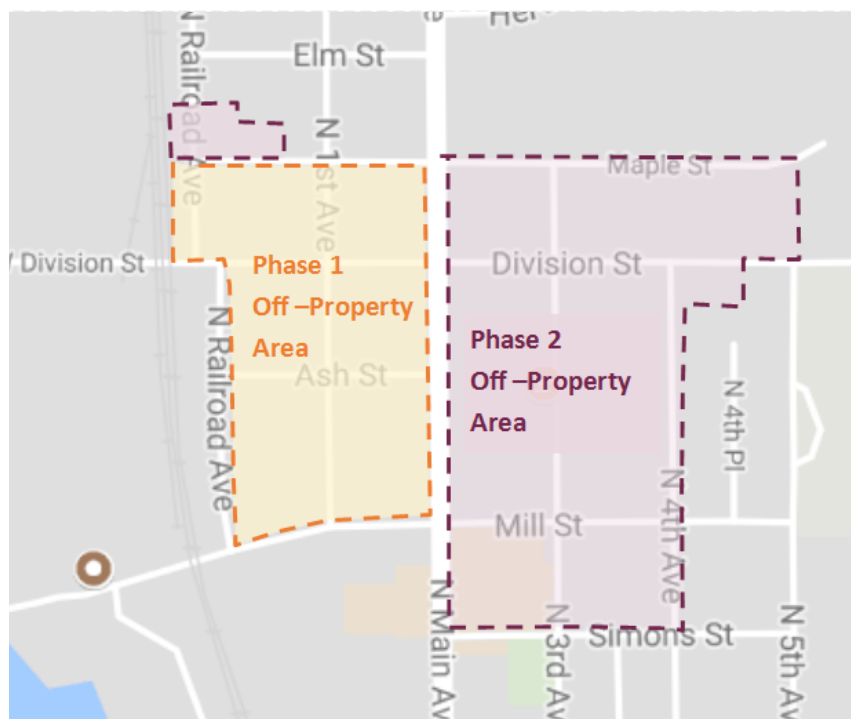
We have not found the current extent of contamination. We will continue to collect additional soil samples see map for locations (phase 2 area). Once we have found the extent we will release a remedial investigation and feasibility study report for public comment.



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Ecology and the port removed contaminated soil from nine yards and some right-of-ways in the off-property area (orange area in map). We are continuing to sample soil in the phase 2 area (purple area in map). We do not yet know when we will replace soil in the phase 2 area.

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