

# Update on Yard Sampling and Cleanup on Vashon-Maury Island

The Washington State Department of Ecology is cleaning up the most contaminated yards in the Tacoma Smelter Plume. The plume is a 1,000 square mile area of arsenic and lead contamination from the former Asarco smelter in Ruston.

The **Residential Yard Sampling and Cleanup Program** offers free sampling and cleanup for yards on southern Vashon-Maury Island (see map below).

## Sampling and Cleanup Progress

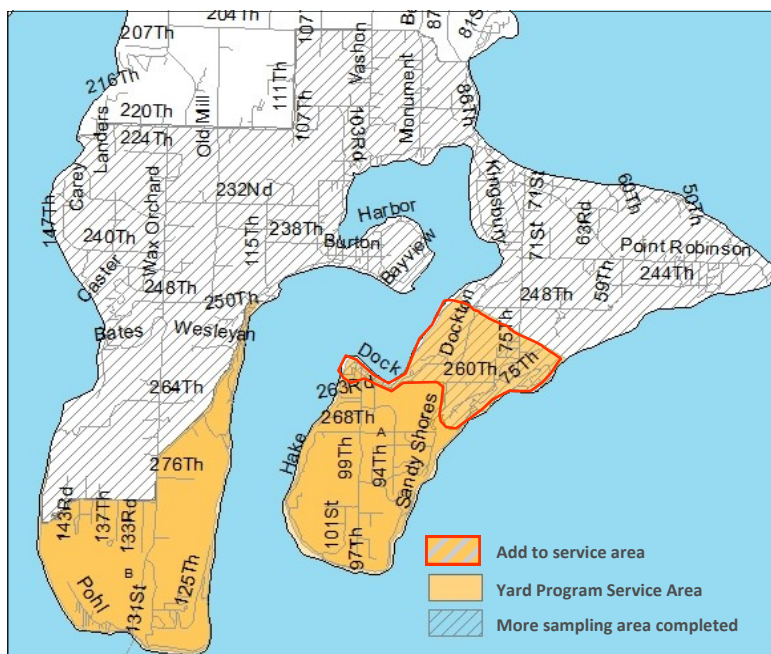
So far, we have sampled over **600** yards for arsenic and lead on Vashon-Maury Island. Our sampling identified **44** yards that qualify for soil cleanup on the island. In 2014, we cleaned up **six** yards and plan to clean up **16** more in 2015. We also plan to extend the Yard Program service area north on Maury Island (see map below). We will offer sampling to this new area in late 2015.

## Public Meeting

We are hosting a public meeting to present the results of our sampling on the island. We will also explain what to expect during the 2015 construction season. We will post the presentation on our website for those who are unable to attend.

**Wednesday, May 6, 2015—6:30 to 8:00 pm**

McMurray Middle School—9329 SW Cemetery Rd, Vashon, WA



Yard Program Service Area (also includes Ruston and west Tacoma)



## Healthy Actions

You can use Healthy Actions to protect your family from contaminated soil:

- Wash hands after working or playing outside.
- Take off shoes or use a doormat.
- Vacuum and damp dust regularly.
- Keep children's toys free of dirt.
- Wash fruits and vegetables from your garden.

## More Information

Questions about soil sampling or cleanup on yards:

Tacoma Smelter Plume message line  
(360) 407-7688, press 2

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Health information or sampling on north Vashon-Maury Island

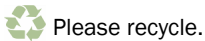
Public Health—Seattle & King County  
Phone: (206) 477-3478  
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Cleanup database:

Visit our database to find sampling or cleanup records for your property:  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/areispublic/>

Department of Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume website:  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/tacoma-smelter.html>

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## **Tacoma Smelter Plume King County, WA**

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Cleanup Efforts on Vashon-Maury  
Island

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### **Public Open House on Vashon**

**McMurray Middle School Cafeteria**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 6:30—8:00 p.m.**  
9329 SW Cemetery Rd., Vashon Island

#### **Agenda**

6:30 Open house session  
7:00 Presentation  
7:30 Question and answer

#### **For more information:**

Call (360) 407-7688, press 2 for Tacoma Smelter Plume.  
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