

Construction Update

Call the Project Line (360) 407-7688 (x 2).

Please call if you have any concerns about a yard replacement site. Staff will return all calls by the next business day.

Questions?

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Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (360) 407-6831 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Soil Replacement in Yards on Vashon-Maury Island

In 2019, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is removing contaminated soil from **14** residential yards on Vashon-Maury Island (see map). This work is part of the **Residential Yard Sampling and Cleanup Program (Yard Program)**. We replace arsenic and lead contaminated soil from the former Asarco copper smelter in Tacoma.

Construction in January 2019 to June 2019

Work hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and some Saturdays with permission from Ecology. The work will be completed in phases, with multiple crews working at the same time. Construction on a single yard can take several months to complete. Please expect construction related traffic in the neighborhood.

What to expect during construction

- Loud construction noise.
- Dump trucks and other equipment coming and going.
- Increased traffic on residential streets.

Please call us immediately if you see:

- Dust in the air at the worksite.
- Dirt or dust off the worksite.



Planned 2019 construction.

Healthy Actions

Please continue to enjoy your yard! You can use Healthy Actions to protect your family:

<https://dirtalert.info/>



WASH YOUR HANDS
with soap and water



TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES
at the door



WASH ALL FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
before eating

Why is Ecology doing soil replacement on Vashon-Maury Island?

For nearly 100 years, ASARCO operated a smelter in north Tacoma. Lead, arsenic and other heavy metals were carried by the wind, and settled on surface soils in King, Pierce and Thurston Counties.

While the smelter closed in 1986, arsenic and lead remain in the soil. In 2009, the State of Washington received a settlement from Asarco to replace soil in yards with arsenic over 100 parts per million (ppm). As a state agency, Ecology runs the Yard Program, removing and replacing soil in the most contaminated areas of the Tacoma Smelter Plume.

The Yard Program is for existing residential properties within the Yard Program Service Area, and is completely voluntary (see map on front for Yard Program Service Area). The goal of the program is to reduce exposure to contaminated soil in areas of the yard that people use most. The program does not address contamination on vacant, agricultural land, or forested areas.

What's in the soil in my yard?

If you live in the Yard Program Service Area, we may already have sampling results for your yard. Your sampling results and cleanup record are publicly available online. To check, visit our database:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/dirtalert/>

If you do not find results on the database, you may qualify for free soil sampling. Contact the Department of Ecology (see box on front) for more information.

Does my yard qualify for soil replacement?

Ecology replaces soil in areas of the yard with arsenic over 100 ppm. Not all yards qualify for free soil replacement. If you would like to know if your yard qualifies, check our online database, or call the project line at (360) 407-7688 (press 2).

Our Yard, Our Health: Take Healthy Actions

Healthy Actions are simple things you and your family can do to reduce contact with arsenic and lead in dirt. Healthy Actions are for everyone. They are simple practices like taking your shoes off at the door, or washing your hands after working or playing outside.

To learn more about our program, please visit our webpage:

<http://ecology.wa.gov/Tacoma-smelter>

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