

# 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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## Health Information and Soil Sampling

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<https://dirtalert.info>

## Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (360) 407-6790 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 in Tacoma

In 2018, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is removing contaminated soil from **39** residential yards in Tacoma (see map). This work is part of the **Residential Yard Sampling and Cleanup Program**. We replace arsenic and lead contaminated soil from the former Asarco copper smelter in Tacoma.

## Construction in April 2018 to December 2018

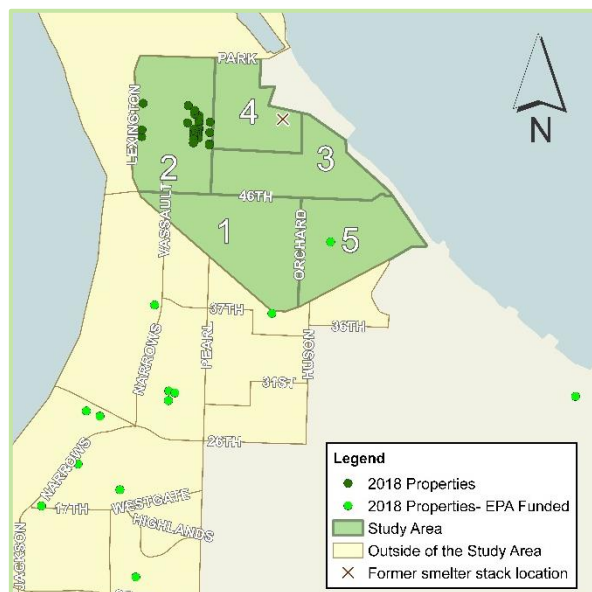
Work hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and some Saturdays with permission. The work will be completed in phases, with multiple crews working on five to ten yards at a time. Construction on a single yard can take several months to complete. Please expect construction related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

## What should you 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 2018 construction. The Study Area is colored in green.

## 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 in the Ruston/North Tacoma Superfund Study Area?

We are continuing work that was started by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA cleaned up the worst contamination—arsenic levels of 230 parts per million (ppm) and above, and continues to fund soil replacement for any properties found with contamination at this level (see map on front).

Ecology has a lower action level of 100 ppm. We offer soil replacement for yards where the property has average arsenic levels above 100 ppm.

## We are working in the most contaminated neighborhoods first.

Ecology will offer soil replacement to over **700** homes in total in the Study Area.

In 2018 we will be working in Area 2 (see map on front). The last three years our work focused in Area 1. Ecology will continue to work in order through the Study Area. To schedule soil replacement in your yard, please respond as soon as you receive your offer letter in the mail.

## What's in the soil in my yard?

If you live in Ruston or north Tacoma, we may already have sampling results for your yard. To check, visit our online database:

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

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

## Does my yard qualify for soil replacement?

Not all yards qualify for free soil replacement. If you would like to know if your yard qualifies, please call the project line at (360) 407-7688 (press 2).

## If I do qualify for soil replacement, when will work begin on my yard?

Soil replacement usually occurs one year after planning. There are nearly 1,200 properties that qualify for soil replacement. If your yard qualifies, Ecology will contact you when we reach your yard in our schedule. To learn more about the schedule in your neighborhood, please visit our webpage:

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

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