

How to Avoid Disturbing Soil In Eastwick Park

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is designing the cleanup for the Clearview Landfill part of the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site. Soil testing has shown that there are contaminants in the soil beneath the surface of Eastwick Park (the Park). The levels of contaminants in the Park do not pose an immediate health risk for Park Users. Long-term exposure to contaminants over an extended period (30-70 years) can pose potential health concerns. Using the Park's paved surfaces and facilities (playground, basketball & tennis courts, recreation center, bike paths) is safe.

It is recommended that people who use the Park should:

- Avoid games and activities that disturb the soil, like digging, scraping, picking up rocks.
- Avoid any "water-play" activities, such as sprinklers and pools, in grassy or bare soil areas.
- · Avoid walking in the Park in bare feet.
- Place blankets or towels down prior to sitting in grassy areas.
- Avoid sports activities that could rip up grassy areas (golf, football, or wearing cleats).
- Ride bikes on designated bike paths and paved areas. Avoid riding in grass.
- Prevent dogs or other pets from digging in the Park.

It is recommended that <u>after using grassy areas of the Park</u>, people should:

- Make sure to wash hands or other areas of exposed skin that may have contacted the Park soil.
- Take off shoes and clean off pet paws before going inside homes.
- Wash outdoor toys, sporting equipment, etc., before bringing them inside homes.
- Clean floors, counters and furniture regularly to reduce soil dust inside homes.
- Report any uprooted trees or any other damage to the Park's grassy areas to the City of Philadelphia. See reverse side for contact information.

For More Information

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Lower Darby Creek Area Website: http://www.epa.gov/superfund/ lowerdarby

Eastwick Lower Darby Creek Area Community Advisory Group Website: http://www.eldcacag.org/

Philadelphia Office of Risk Management Website: http://www.phila.gov/risk

To report a downed tree:

- Dial 3-1-1
- Go to www.phila.gov/311/form/
- Email Philly311@phila.gov

Still Have Questions? Talk to Us at our Upcoming Environmental Health Fair

When: Saturday, July 9, 2016

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine

Where: Eastwick Recreation Center

80th St. and Mars Place

Representatives from federal, state, and city agencies will be on hand to answer questions about:

- Soil testing
- The cleanup at the Clearview and Folcroft Landfills
- Urban gardening,
- Other environmental health issues.

Free refreshments will be provided by community groups.