

# EPA Completes Cleanup of Known Contaminants

Continues Sampling in Community for Further Contamination

## American Lead Site

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed removal of known lead-contaminated soil near the former American Lead facility, and will continue sampling in the surrounding area for further contamination. Since August 2016, EPA has sampled hundreds of properties to test lead levels in soil. Lead contamination came from the former American Lead smelter at 2102 Hillside Ave.

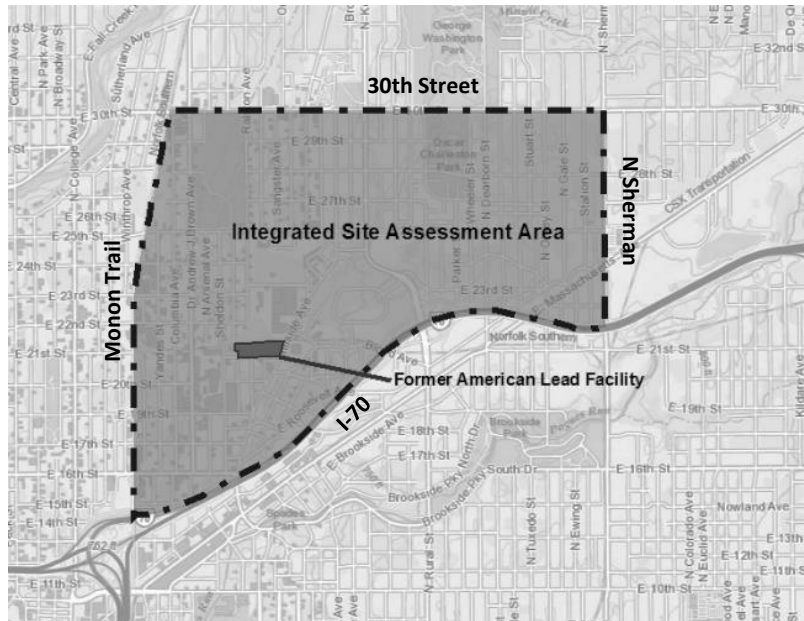
EPA removed lead-contaminated soil at 101 properties, including a playground and daycare. EPA dug up the contaminated soil and replaced it with certified clean soil, and restored grass and landscaping. The Agency removed over 25,000 tons of lead-contaminated soil from the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood. The contaminated earth was transported to a nearby landfill where it can be properly managed.



*EPA crew excavating residential yard.*

Although this phase of the cleanup is complete, EPA is continuing to sample residential yards to determine if additional cleanup is needed. EPA will continue to sample properties in the Integrated Site Assessment Area for contamination related to the American Lead site. The Integrated Site Assessment Area is defined by the following boundaries: 30<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, North Sherman Drive to the east, I-70 to the south, and the Monon Trail to the west. (See map on the following page.)

Property owners must give EPA permission to sample or perform a cleanup. If you rent, please contact your landlord or talk to an EPA representative. We can contact your landlord on your behalf. Once EPA has the owner's permission, a representative will contact you to schedule an appointment.



EPA will continue sampling properties until freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall make access to the ground difficult for work crews. EPA will resume sampling efforts again in the spring of 2018. The Agency will provide results of the sampling data to residents and owners.

If your property has not been sampled or has high levels of lead, you can do simple things to lower the risk of lead exposure.

- Do not let children play in bare dirt.
- Wash children's hands after they have been playing outside.
- Children and adults should remove shoes before walking into the home.
- Do not eat food, chew gum, or smoke when working in the yard.
- Wear gloves when working in the yard.
- Damp mop floors and damp dust counters and furniture regularly.
- Wash dogs regularly.
- Wash children's toys and baby pacifiers regularly.

You can also talk to your pediatrician, general physician, or Marion County Public Health Department about lead safety and blood testing. Visit <https://www.epa.gov/lead/learn-about-lead#effects> for more information.

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