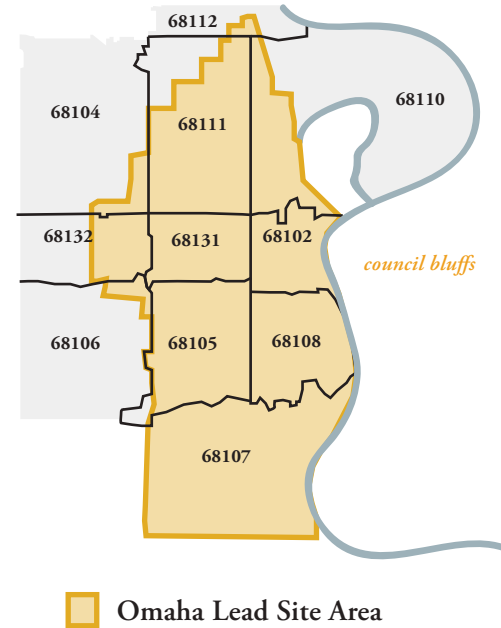


# INTRODUCTION & HISTORY

In 1998 the USEPA was contacted by the Omaha City Council due to concerns about the *number of children who had high levels of Lead in their blood.* In 1999 the USEPA began replacing residential yards with unsafe Lead levels in what became known as the Omaha Lead Site (OLS). The OLS is in the area of eastern Omaha where many yards have unsafe levels of Lead from historic industrial air emissions. Houses, apartments, child care centers, schools, parks and other residential properties are in the OLS.

Since 2015 USEPA and the City of Omaha began transitioning the Lead clean-up responsibility. The City of Omaha is now responsible for supervision and oversight of the soil sampling and soil clean-up of yards, identified to be contaminated.



# WHY WORRY ABOUT LEAD?

*Children can get Lead from soil into their bodies by putting their hands or toys in their mouths after touching the soil. Too much Lead can build up in children's bodies and can cause Lead poisoning.*

- Most children with Lead poisoning do not look or act sick
- Lead poisoning is most likely to affect children 6 years old and younger
- The only way to know if your children have Lead poisoning is to have them tested every year from 1 through 6 years old.
- Call your health care provider or the Douglas County Health Department to get your child tested.



## POSSIBLE SIGHS OF LEAD POISONING:

- Tiredness or restlessness
- Headaches
- Stomachache or vomiting
- Constipation

## LEAD POISONING CAN CAUSE:

- Learning problems
- Behavior problems
- Hearing problems
- Lower IQ
- Kidney damage

# What is the City of Omaha doing to PROTECT YOU FROM LEAD IN SOIL?

## STEP 1

### Soil Testing

The City of Omaha is testing soil in yards to see if they have unsafe levels of lead.



## STEP 2

### Removal

The City of Omaha is removing contaminated soil and disposing.



## STEP 3

### Replacing Soil & Grass

The City of Omaha replaces contaminated soil with clean soil and sod. (where eligible)



# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- If you know of residential yards that have not been tested for Lead, please tell residents and/or owners that the City of Omaha is testing yards to protect them and their families from Lead in soil. Encourage them to call the City of Omaha Lead Information Office (LIO) to get their yards tested for Lead or any information regarding Lead (see back of this flier).
- If your yard has unsafe levels of Lead, the City of Omaha can test the exterior paint of your home Lead to see if additional clean-up is needed.

*All testing and clean-up actions are at no cost to property owners.*



*City of Omaha has partnered with local groups to get Lead information to the public.*

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Douglas County Health Department (DCHD)
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (OHKA)
- Neighborhood Associations
- One World Community Health Center
- Charles Drew Health Center



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# PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

*from Lead in soil!*

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## LEAD RESOURCES

### YARD TESTING AND CLEAN-UP INFORMATION

*City of Omaha Lead Information Office*  
402.731.3045

*City of Omaha Lead Hazard Control Program*  
402.444.5150 x2028  
*en Español* 402.731.3045

### HEALTH INFORMATION

*Douglas County Health Department Lead Program*  
402.444.7825

Questions about childhood lead poisoning and childhood blood Lead testing, home inspections and child case management.

### GENERAL INFORMATION LEAD RESOURCES AGENCIES FOR OMAHA

*Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance*  
402.934.9700  
[www.omahahealthykids.org](http://www.omahahealthykids.org)

*One World Community Health Center*  
402.734.4110

## GET YOUR CHILD TESTED FOR LEAD POISONING TODAY!

*Call your health care provider or the Douglas County Health Department to get children 6 years and younger tested.*



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# THE GUIDE *to the* OMAHA LEAD SITE

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*Protect your family and yourself from Lead in soil!*

