



Pennsylvania  
Department of Health

## Abington

Saturday, August 2, 2025

12 - 4 PM

Abington Free Library  
1030 Old York Road  
Abington, PA

*Do you garden or grow crops? Do children spend time in your yard? Are you concerned about soil exposures?*

Join the Pennsylvania Department of Health at the Abington Library for a free community soil lead screening! Bring a dry soil sample in a freezer bag and we will screen it for lead and other metals! Instructions on back.

### Common soil lead sources:

- Soil next to older homes and under roof drip lines
- Living in urban areas or near highways
- Living near industry that emits lead

### What to Expect:

- Your soil screening result
- Best practices to avoid lead exposure
- Tips to garden safely
- Blood lead testing resources



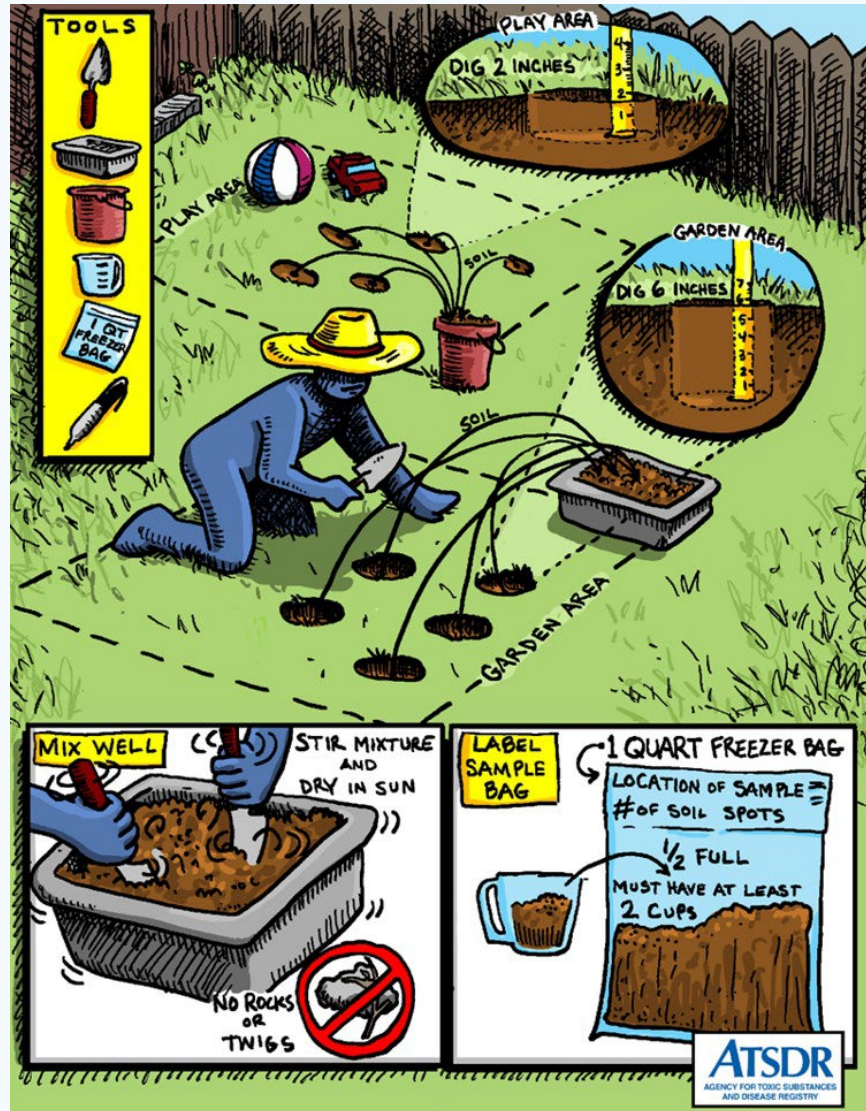
# SOIL COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

How-to video:

<https://youtu.be/GM7-19oSfD8>

- **Step 1:** Identify an area of interest for your soil sample.
- **Step 2:** Collect Soil - For a large area, collect soil from 5-10 random spots in that area, and combine in a clean container. For a small area, collect soil from 3 random spots and combine in a clean container.
- **Step 3:** Mix soil well in clean container.
- **Step 4:** Remove pebbles, rocks, and roots, and air dry.  
**Do not use a flame, oven, or hairdryer to dry the soil!**
- **Step 5:** Transfer 1-2 cups of the mixed soil into a clean one-quart Ziplock bag and label.

## LIMIT 3 BAGS PER PERSON



### How deep do I collect my soil?

- For Garden samples, collect soil at the surface and down to 6-8 inches deep.
- For Play Areas/Non-Garden areas, collect soil at the surface and down to 1-2 inches deep.

For more information or to RSVP

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RSVPs are encouraged but not required