



# YOUR GUIDE

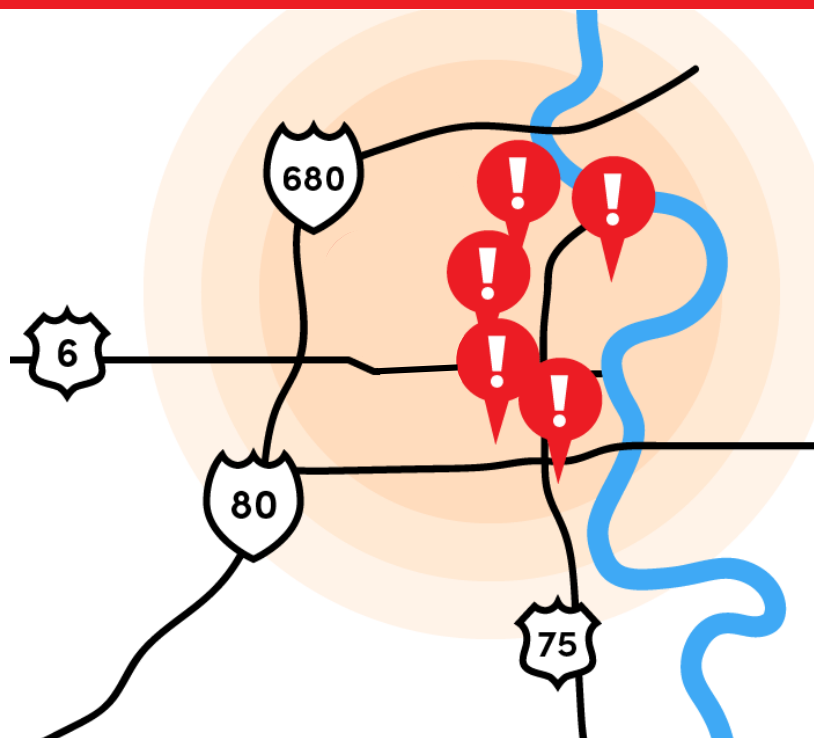
to the **Omaha Lead Site**

**PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR COMMUNITY FROM LEAD IN SOIL!**

## The History of the Omaha Lead Site

In 1998, 21.2% of children in Douglas County were found to have elevated blood lead levels. The City of Omaha contacted the EPA, who found that residential yards in eastern Omaha had a high concentration of lead due to historic industrial air emissions. In 1999, the EPA began cleaning up yards in this part of Omaha, which eventually became known as the Omaha Lead Site, or OLS.

In 2015, the EPA transitioned lead clean-up activities to the City of Omaha, who is now supervising soil sampling and clean-up of contaminated yards.



## Why worry about lead?

Children can get lead in their bodies from putting their toys or hands into the soil and then into their mouth. Lead can build up in children's bodies and cause lead poisoning, which can result in learning and developmental disabilities.

# What is the City of Omaha doing to protect you from lead in soil?

## Soil testing



The City of Omaha tests soil in yards within the OLS to see if they have unsafe levels of lead. If eligible, homeowners may also qualify for a paint and dust assessment.

## Soil removal



The City of Omaha removes the contaminated soil and disposes of it safely according to EPA standards.

## Replacement of soil & grass



The City of Omaha replaces the yard with clean soil and sod.

**ALL TESTING AND CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES ARE ZERO COST TO HOMEOWNERS!**

## Where are we now, and what can you do?

If you know a residential yard that has not been tested for lead, please encourage residents to call the **City of Omaha Lead Information Office** at **402.731.3045** so their yard can be tested.

If your own yard has unsafe levels of lead, the City of Omaha will also test the exterior paint of your home to see if you qualify for paint stabilization too.

To see if a property has had their soil tested for lead, visit **[omahalead.org](http://omahalead.org)**

**MORE  
RESOURCES  
FOR LEAD  
IN OMAHA**



**402.731.3045**

**The City of Omaha  
Lead Information Office**

For yard testing and  
clean-up information



**[gotlead.org](http://gotlead.org)**

For general information  
on lead in Omaha



**402.934.9700**

**Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance**

For questions about general  
lead education and home  
inspections where suspected  
lead paint is present