

Community Outreach Strategies



**Asbestos Toxicity
and the Borit Asbestos Site**

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Wissahickon Creek Volunteers

Thank you for your assistance in protecting the Wissahickon Creek and watershed!

We recommend that you take these precautions while hiking along the creek:

During the clean-up:

- 1) Do not touch or remove pieces of pipe, tile or concrete (if any.)
- 2) Do not cross the creek bordering the Borit Asbestos Site (between Mt. Pleasant Ave. and the Butler Pike.)

When you're finished:

- 1) Wash your hands.
- 2) Clean your boots outside.
- 3) If you touched any asbestos containing materials, wash gloves and/or soiled clothes separately.

These pipes and other materials may contain asbestos. Asbestos is harmful to your health.





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Supporting Communities with Tools and Resources

Special Projects and Tools



Brownfield and Land Re-Use Sites

“abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties where reuse or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination.”



Before



After

ATSDR's Support to Communities:

- Funding for Community Pilot Projects
- Technical Support from Brownfield and Health Experts

Land Reuse Tools and Resources

1 What are the issues in the community?



2 How can development address these issues?



3 What are the corresponding community health benefits?



4 What data are needed to measure change?



- Action Model for Engaging Multiple Stakeholders in Land Reuse Planning
- Site Tool—Identify and catalogue contaminants and health Concerns
- Dose Calculator—Estimate exposure levels

Find tools and resources at:

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields/>

Environmental Odors



ATSDR's Environmental Odors Website provides information and tools for local health departments, community organizations and residents dealing with environmental odors issues.

- Information about environmental odors
- Suggestions for reducing odors
- Guidance for conducting odor investigations
- Resources for Health Care Providers

Find the Odors website at:

www.atsdr.cdc.gov/odors

Soil Shops—Protecting Urban Gardeners



How it Works: 3 Basic Steps

- Residents bring soil sample
- Soil screened for lead – FREE!
- Health educators counsel residents

ATSDR is Currently finalizing a Soil Shop Toolkit

Learn more about one of our events at:

<http://blogs.cdc.gov/yourhealthyourenvironment/2013/12/19/soil-kitchens-reducing-lead-exposure-among-urban-residents/>

Don't Mess with Mercury

- Create awareness about the dangers of mercury among middle school students
- Engage school audiences (teachers and administrators) in the identification and removal of mercury
- Reduce mercury spills among children

Learn more about Mercury at:

www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dontmesswithmercury





Questions?

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