FREE LEAD SOIL SCREENING

KEMBLE PARK

104 JAMES STREET, UTICA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bring your soil sample in a zip top plastic bag and we'll screen it for lead!

There will be information on:

- Your screening results
- Locations for blood lead level testing
- Best practices to avoid lead exposure
- Tips to garden safely
- Healthy nutrition and recipes
- Resources to address household lead hazards



Collecting a Single Soil Sample:

In person on October 23rd at 1:00pm in the MVLA Garden, 30 Scott Street, Utica or online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GM7-19oSfD8

Collection kits available at Utica City Hall, Utica Public Library, HomeOwnershipCenter & CCE Oneida

Step 1: Identify an area to take your soil sample.

Step 2: Collect Soil - For a large area, collect soil from 5-10 random spots in that area. For a small area, collect soil from 3 random spots.

Note: For garden areas collect all soil from 6-8 inches below the surface.

For non-garden/play areas collect all soil from 1-2 inches below the surface.

Step 3: Combine soil and mix well in clean container.

Step 4: Remove pebbles, rocks, twigs, and roots, then air dry.

Note: 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 zip top plastic bag.

Note: For more than one sample, repeat steps 1-5. Clean your container between samples.

Limit of 3 sample bags/person. Samples for screening only. Must be turned in by 3 pm for time to process.

Learn more about the Utica soilSHOP at https://www.leadfreemv.org/soilshop















