

Citizen-Science & the Chicago Safe Soils Project Need You!

This collaborative initiative between University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois Extension, and Advocates for Urban Agriculture is building tools to inform stakeholder decision-making and develop evidence-based guidelines to mitigate potential soil risks to food production in Chicago. This project:

- Uses citizen-science to develop tools to identify and manage soil lead contamination
- Will develop a publicly available map of soil heavy metal contamination across Chicago
- Tests and identifies 'best bets' to avoid and mitigate soil lead, including safe crop choices and effective mitigation treatments

Join us! Have soil(s) screened for lead for FREE from your urban garden, farm, or yard following the instructions below. In-ground soil samples (i.e., not raised beds) preferred, but all samples welcomed! Options for participation include: (1) mail samples to *Attn: Chicago Safe Soils Initiative, 1011 Plant Sciences Laboratory, 1201 S Dornier Dr, Urbana, IL 61801*; (2) bring samples to an AUA or UIUC event (see www.auachicago.org/events for upcoming events); (3) participate in longer-term site trials to evaluate safe crop choices and effective mitigation treatments. Contact ChicagoSoils@gmail.com with questions and for more details.

How to Take and Prepare a Soil Sample for Heavy Metal Screening



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