

A photograph of two young children sitting inside a red plastic playhouse. The child on the left is wearing a dark blue patterned hooded jacket and is giving a thumbs-up. The child on the right is wearing a light blue hoodie and jeans, also giving a thumbs-up. The playhouse is on a lawn with some plants and a white bucket nearby.

Home & Garden Day

Saturday May 24th

Come and meet our Home & Garden team, learn about our home renovation support program and what you can do to keep your home & yard environment healthy. ■

SPRING IS HOME RENOVATION TIME

Dust stirred up by renovation projects can expose people to lead and other metals. We have free safety supplies and information for home-owners and tenants doing home renos in Trail and Riverdale.* Drop by the Community Program Office, 1319 Bay Avenue or call 250 368-3256 on weekdays to pick up your supplies. This includes the use of HEPA shop vacuums for “lead-safe” clean up.

ENTER OUR PRIZE DRAWS!

Visit us on Home & Garden Day and enter a special give-away draw. We'll also enter you in our May 2014 Draw for a gift certificate for \$100 from Home Hardware. You can also enter the May Draw online - just send your name and number to the Community Program Office at <http://www.thep.ca/pages/contact/>. The May Draw closes May 31.

* includes pre-1976 homes throughout Greater Trail

Columbia Valley Greenhouses
Old Waneta Rd., Trail
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Home Hardware Building Centre
Old Waneta Rd., Trail
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Healthy Families Healthy Homes Program

Free supports for expectant families and families with children 3 years or younger. If you are expecting a child, we'd like to hear from you to set up an in-home visit in the coming months. Please contact the Community Program Office at programs@thep.ca or (250) 368-3256.



WHERE CAN YOU GET SAND FOR YOUR SAND BOX?

Our program offers free sandboxes to every family with children under 3 years of age living in Trail and Rivervale. Most parents ask us where to get clean (lead-free) sand to fill it. We recommend that people get sand from a building supply store or from an approved gravel pit. We've tested the sand at West K Concrete in Genelle and we know it's fine. Thanks to their generosity, you can get clean sand for your THEP sandbox free of charge from West K Concrete.

If you're going to pick up sand, call Jim, Justin or Ruth at (250) 693-2430 and drive out to 300 Pipeline Pit Road in Genelle. West K asks that you bring along a shovel and rubbermaid container. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Program Office, (250) 368-3256. Please note that it is illegal to dig up sand on Crown land or road right of ways.



THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS LOCAL BUSINESSES!

We'd like to say a big thanks to the local businesses that support our program. **Home Hardware, Kootenay Outdoor Living, Sears, and Canadian Tire** give us price discounts and logistical support for our Dust Buster and Garden kits, vacuums and sandboxes. As mentioned in the article above, West K Concrete gives free sand to families for their THEP sandboxes.



Are You Renovating Your Home This Year?

TIPS FOR LEAD-SAFE HOME RENOVATIONS:

Before you start: Seal off and remove household items from the work area

While you work: Always wear personal protective gear, keep family and pets out of the work area, keep everything clean & tidy, wash your hands and face before taking breaks

Cleaning Up: Remove waste, transport and dispose of waste without raising dust; HEPA vacuum the work area, wash all surfaces, and HEPA vacuum again; wash work clothes separately from regular laundry. Cleaning up can be the most important part!

Are you replacing your roof or hiring a contractor?

Please ask your contractor to contact Andrea at our Community Program Office (250) 368-3256 x 53256 for more specialized information on lead-safe renovations. We want to connect with local contractors, answer their questions, and help them find lead-safe solutions for roof replacements and other home renovation situations.



Update on Teck's Fugitive Dust Reduction Program

Teck has just completed a new building at Tadanac North to store processing materials at the site. The building is part of Teck's "Fugitive Dust Reduction Program" which supports THEC's goal to reduce the levels of metals in the outdoor air. In addition to the Tadanac North building, Teck is assessing the feasibility of a second materials storage and handling building, with construction targeted for 2015.

What is "fugitive dust"? It is dust that escapes from buildings, stockpiles, roadways and other activities on site. These emissions can be quite variable; for example, a windy day can increase wind-blown dust at the site.

Since the mid 1990's, Teck has reduced metal emissions from stacks into the air by over 99%, largely due to installation of the KIVCET lead furnace and various pollution control improvements.



PUTTING CHILDREN & FAMILIES FIRST

Public Forum & Action Planning

JUNE 10 & 11, 2014

Best Western Plus Columbia River Hotel, Waneta Room



FEATURING:
JOANNE SCHROEDER
from the Human Early Learning Partnership at UBC

Everyone is welcome! **LEARN** the latest information on young children's healthy development. **DISCOVER** important and inspiring ways that families can be supported. **ADD YOUR IDEAS** to improve life for children and families in our region!

Tuesday, June 10 • 7-9pm
Public Forum & Ideas Session

Wednesday, June 11 • 9-11am
Action Planning

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. PLEASE RSVP AS SPACE IS LIMITED. CHILDCARE & TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE.

To **RSVP** and for childcare or transport assistance, please contact **Liz Anderson** at (250) 368-3256 x 53257 or liz.anderson@snclavalin.com

