

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FALL 2024

Children's Lead Testing Clinics

September 9, 10, 18, 25

9:00AM-3:00PM

September 17, 23 11:30AM-5:30PM

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Children 6-36 months who spend the majority of their day in Trail, Casino, Oasis, Rivervale, Waneta or Warfield.

Children 6-60 months who recently moved to the area, have never been tested, or live in a recently renovated home in the Lower Columbia.

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call or text 250-231-5945
Kiro Wellness Centre
1500 Columbia Avenue



THEP supports the community of Trail and nearby areas to live, work and play in an area influenced by smelter air emissions. All THEP community programs are **FREE**, and residents can sign up easily online at thep.ca. Each year, THEP supports hundreds of people in the community with outreach, activities and supplies.



ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF LEAD EXPOSURE

Primary prevention is the most effective way to prevent lead (Pb) exposure.





Teddy Bear Picnic! -

Take off shoes at the door and use door mats.



Cover bare soil with lawn, mulch or landscape fabric.



Hose off outdoor furniture and toys often. Cover sandbox when not in use.



Great resource!

Vacuum & damp mop often focusing on entryways, ledges, countertops, and play areas.



Renovate safely. Contain dust in work areas and clean up thoroughly.





included lawn care treatments and yard improvements to mulch areas around their veggie gardens to cover bare soil and improve ground cover.



and connectors.



familyactionnetwork.ca

MEET CLARE NORTH, SUPERINTENDENT, ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AND BIODIVERSITY, TECK TRAIL OPERATIONS



Clare represents Teck on the Trail Area Health & Environment Program team. Working with all THEP partners, she strives to ensure the best solutions are put forward to continue to reduce exposure to lead in the Trail area. Another exciting part of her role is leading ecological restoration

and biodiversity enhancement projects in the Trail area where plant communities have been affected by historical smelter air emissions.

Q: After seven years working with THEP, what are you most proud of?

I'm proud of my unwavering commitment to collaboration at all levels of THEP's work.

This includes THEP's community-based partnerships; knowledge sharing and learning with provincial and municipal authorities; and learning with international communities that also have lead-based smelting and mining.

Q: What message would you like all residents in Trail to know?

Soil is only one source of lead. Check out **thep.ca** to learn more.

Q: What's your favourite garden recipe?

Anything with peas; fresh peas right from the pod are such a seasonal treat!

Q: What's your favourite location to recreate in Trail?

The Columbia River Skywalk, a beautiful addition to the riverscape, and the Bluffs Trail for hiking and biking!



EARLY YEARS LENDING LIBRARY!

The Trail & Castlegar
CCRR is home to an
Early Years Lending
Library with an array
of toys, activities, and
resources for children
0-6 years. Visit
trailfair.ca



HOW DO I KNOW IF THE PAINT IN MY HOME CONTAINS LEAD?

Homes older than 1990 may contain lead in paint, and homes older than 1960 are likely to contain lead in paint.

If you want to test your paint, there are simple test kits that can be purchased at your local hardware store, or you can send a paint chip to a certified lab for analysis.

To reduce the risk of lead exposure for young children, THEP has added paint testing to existing services such as soil assessments and in-home visits for expectant families and families with children under three. To learn about lead-safe practices, view the 'how to' videos in the resource section at **thep.ca**.



SOIL TESTING

THEP sharing soil management information in the community with Selkirk College students.





For more information:



