

# Lawncare Recommendations for Protection of Public Health - Davidson Asbestos Site

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For all recommendations, the goal is to protect public health by reducing the risk of asbestos exposure during outdoor activities that can cause dust.

## If your yard has been sampled...

### ...and no asbestos was detected at the surface

- Resume normal lawncare – mowing grass, raking leaves, tending plants.
- As an extra precaution, consider raised beds with bagged potting soil for home gardens, or wet dirt before and during any digging.
- Consider using a broom to sweep or use a water hose for sidewalks and driveways instead of a leaf blower.

### ...and asbestos was found at the surface

- NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will use temporary measures to limit exposure until asbestos-contaminated soil can be removed.
- Do not disturb the dirt in your yard, including raking, digging, leaf-blowing, or driving over dirt driveways.
- Use a water hose to wash your sidewalks and driveway.
- If you want to grow plants, use pots with bagged potting soil.

## If your yard has not been sampled...

- Contact the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to discuss options if you think your yard should be sampled.
- Consider raised beds with bagged potting soil for home gardens.
- Wet the dirt before and during any digging.
- Consider using a broom to sweep, or use a water hose for sidewalks and driveways instead of a leaf blower.
- Avoid aggressively disturbing the soil in your yard by leaf-blowing or driving over dirt driveways.

## Questions?

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The North Carolina Division of Public Health (DPH) has worked with the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to come up with recommendations for conducting yardwork, lawncare, and gardening at properties near the Carolina Asbestos Company site at 301 Depot St. in Davidson, NC.



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