



## Addressing Lead Contamination

After discovering lead contamination at Ulysses S. Grant Intermediate School in January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began working closely with Trenton Public School District officials and teachers to create a plan that would protect students and teachers from lead contamination and give students safe areas to play and learn outside again.

## What did the EPA do to Protect Students?

The EPA took multiple actions to protect students from lead contamination. Each of these actions creates a protective layer so that students can safely play without being exposed to the lead contamination.

**The EPA installed new artificial field turf over the main field where students play.**



**The EPA laid down mulch over areas in the front of the school.**



**The EPA laid fresh soil and sod (grass) around the basketball courts.**



**Students at Grant Intermediate School will now be protected from lead in the soil during upcoming summer activities and as they return to school in the fall.**

## Residential Property Soil Testing

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The EPA is also testing soil at residential properties in East Trenton for free. If you would like the EPA to test the soil at your property, please call **Jonathan Byk** at (347) 899-6210.



**Lead** is a natural metal that can be found in air, water, and soil. When lead is released into the air, it may be transported long distances before it lands and stays on the ground. Lead can affect almost every organ and system in your body, particularly the nervous system. For more information about lead, visit: [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tfacts13.pdf](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tfacts13.pdf)

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The National Lead Information Center provides information about lead, lead hazards, and their prevention. You can call and speak with a specialist Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern time (except federal holidays) at 1 (800) 424-LEAD [5323].