



Lawncare Recommendations for Protection of Public Health near Davidson Mill 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 generate dust.

If your yard has been sampled...

...and no asbestos was detected

- Resume normal lawncare – mowing grass, raking leaves, tending plants
- 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

...and asbestos was found

- EPA will maintain your lawn and remove grass clippings, and will continue to wet your property until the removal of asbestos-contaminated soil can occur
- 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 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

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



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