



# Colorado Smelter fact sheet

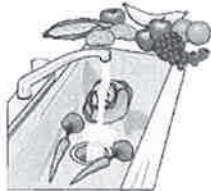


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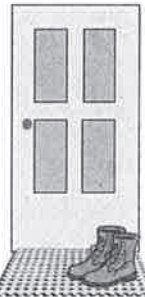
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- ◆ The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has tested some of the Eilers and Bessemer neighborhood yards possibly affected by previous smelting operations at the Colorado Smelter .
- ◆ Some of the samples taken showed higher than acceptable levels of arsenic and lead.
- ◆ The black and grey slag pile contains some of the highest levels of lead and arsenic.
- ◆ People, particularly children, who are exposed to too much lead or arsenic, can experience a variety of adverse health problems that may include developmental delays, cancer and other problems.
- ◆ Exposure can result when children play in contaminated soil or when vegetables grown in contaminated soils are eaten without being washed first.

## Ways to protect your health By keeping dirt from getting into your house and into your body



Wash and peel all fruits, vegetables, and root crops



Wipe shoes on doormat or remove shoes



Don't eat food, chew gum, or smoke when working in the yard



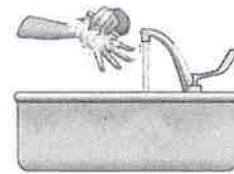
Damp mop floors and damp dust counters and furniture regularly



Wash dogs regularly



Wash children's toys regularly



Wash children's hands and feet after they have been playing outside

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