

# Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Residential Metals Program

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Sampling and  
Cleanup for  
Property  
Owners

Call:

(406) 497-5040

**Do you live or own property in Uptown/Central Butte or the surrounding area?**

**Then you are eligible to have your home tested for heavy metals.**

If you live in a home or apartment built before 2006, and you live in Uptown/Central Butte, your home, apartment or yard may contain contaminated dust, soil, or paint. Certain levels of metals can threaten your health or the health of your children. Arsenic, lead and mercury can cause cancer, nervous system disorders, learning disabilities, heart problems and other health problems. Children are particularly at risk from exposure to arsenic, lead and mercury.

But, there is a free and easy way to test and clean up your home or apartment—**Butte's Residential Metals Program.**

The Butte/Silver Bow Health Department's Residential Metals Program exists to address the problem of metals exposure in Uptown/Central Butte. The program will sample and analyze dust and soil at your home and clean it up, if needed, at no cost to you. The program cleans up contaminated attic dust, indoor dust, and yards.



Before

After

You can make sure that you and your family are protected from harmful levels of metals in and around your home by following the simple process provided by the Residential Metals Program.



## The Process is Free, Quick and Easy



### Here's all you need to do:

1. Make an appointment to have your home sampled. (Just a quick phone call: **406-497-5040**)
2. Fill out a sample request form. (The property owner needs to do this.)

### Here's what the Health Department will do:

1. We will collect attic dust, indoor dust and soil samples.
2. We will have a certified lab analyze the samples to see if contamination is present.
3. We will mail the results to you or the property owner. (All results are confidential.)
4. We will let you know what the results mean.

### What happens next?

- If you don't have a level of contamination that requires cleanup, great-nothing need be done.
- If we find lead, mercury or arsenic contamination and a level that requires cleanup in order to protect your health, the property owner fills out an access agreement and we will clean it up.

Free of charge at a time convenient for you.

## Do you Need More Information?

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