Want to learn more about your garden soil?

Urban gardening has many benefits to community health and the City of Philadelphia wants to support healthy gardening practices.

Healthy soils are the foundation for a healthy garden

Nutrition starts in the soil, where the food grows. Healthy soil grows healthy food. However, urban soils may have pollutants from years of human activity.

The Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority and the City of Philadelphia can help to answer questions about the soil in your garden (or the land you would like to garden in) through conducting an environmental site assessment.

These assessments will check the health of your garden’s soil and provide custom recommendations for safe growing.

We invite you to submit a property to be considered for this opportunity.

What To Expect
If your parcel is chosen for environmental site assessment:

Submit a property for consideration
Or Contact: Elisa.Ruse-Esposito@phila.gov
215-683-3605

Go to: https://goo.gl/qAZKcL

What you can do right now to start gardening safely:

- Use raised beds
- Wear gloves
- Wash vegetables
- Peel vegetables
- Mulch pathways

Site Visit
Site research
Soil screening and/or soil testing
Custom recommendations for your garden

How to get soil safety support