



Creating a Healthy Environment

The Trail Area Health & Environment Program promotes a healthy environment through a comprehensive integrated program that successfully achieves our goals for air quality and children's health, and promotes the health of the community.



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WHAT SERVICES & SUPPORTS CAN I GET?

Families with pre-school age children or expecting a child in Trail or Rivervale are encouraged to contact the Family Health Program Public Health Nurse and Community Program Office to get information on our free programs. Please call if you're new to the community! We'd like to hear from you.



All home owners and tenants doing home renovations in Trail or Rivervale are eligible for free environmental safety supplies and equipment use through the Community Program Office. The same supports are available to owners and tenants of pre-1976 homes anywhere in Greater Trail.



EVERYONE CAN GET INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING, INCLUDING:

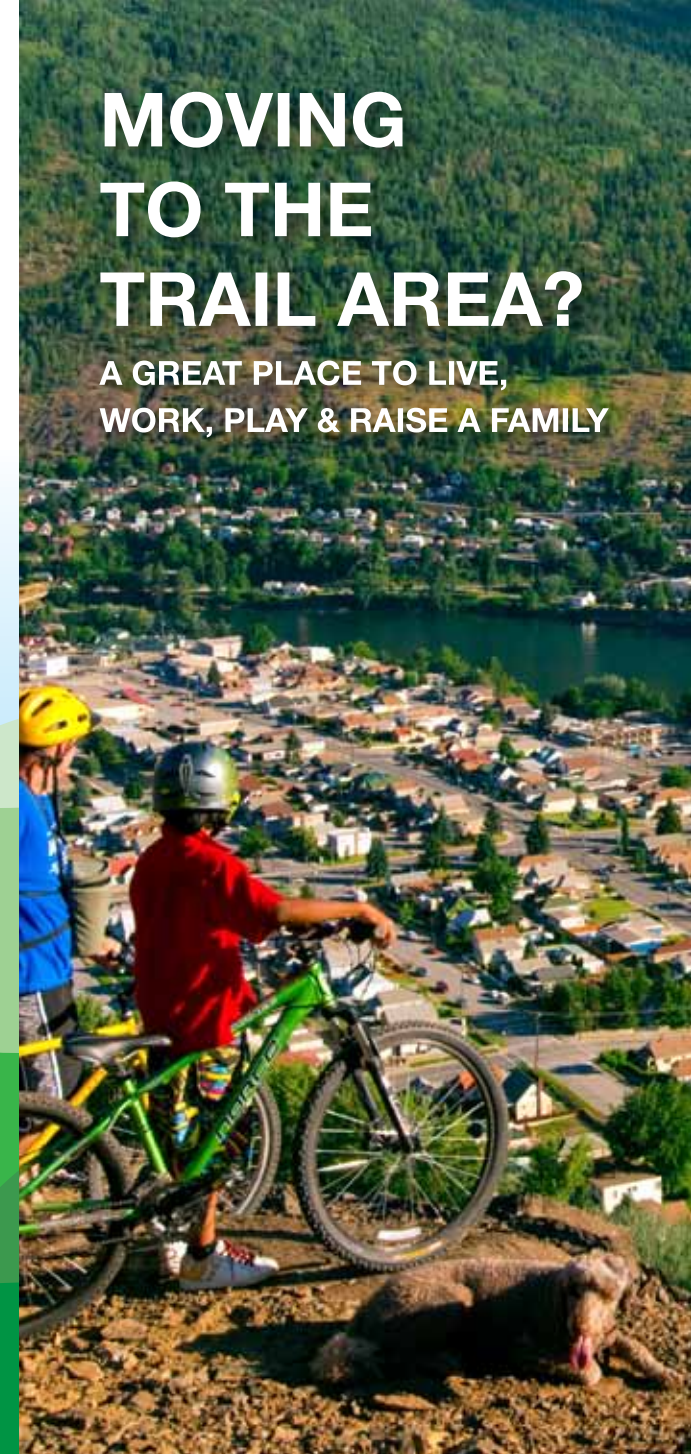
- children's and family health & well-being;
- early learning programs & other supports for families with young children;
- how to keep dust down at home and in your yard;
- how to cover soil and reduce exposure to metals in soil and produce;
- how to keep dust down during home renovations, roof replacement, demolitions and excavations;
- answers to common questions related to health and the environment.

TRAIL AREA HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Community leaders, Teck, Interior Health, the BC Ministry of Environment, and residents have worked together on the Trail Area Health & Environment Committee for 25 years with great results. Our program is science-based and community-led. It addresses the latest advances in research on lead, and our goals and activities are reviewed through regular public consultation. Our collaborative approach was recognized in 2011 with a BC Premier's Award, nominated by the BC Ministry of Environment.

MOVING TO THE TRAIL AREA?

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE,
WORK, PLAY & RAISE A FAMILY



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WHAT DOES TRAIL OFFER FAMILIES?

Trail is a great place to live, work, study, play, and raise a family. It is a vibrant city with great community spirit, cultural amenities and a thriving investment climate.

Trail has daycares, family play groups, preschools, two public elementary schools, a secondary school, and community college as well as a private school.

Trail is BC's #1 sports town, with an aquatic centre–recreation complex and great team sports, plus skiing, mountain biking, fishing, camping, walking and other outdoor pursuits.



Trail is a Communities in Bloom national award winner and Five Bloom community.

Trail is home to the 764-seat Charles Bailey Theatre and VISAC Gallery. The Trail Regional Airport offers daily direct flights to Vancouver. Greater Trail has many vibrant arts & culture groups and organizations.

For more information, check out:
www.trail.ca and www.lcic.ca

Retired Medical Health Officer, Dr. Nelson Ames worked for over 20 years on lead issues in Trail. Dr. Ames says:

“I would have no hesitation to live in Trail and I would have no hesitation to live there if I had young children.”

WHAT DOES THE HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM DO?

The Air Quality Program includes Teck Trail Operations' investments in emissions reduction as well as the continuous monitoring of air quality and providing updates to the community.



The Family Health Program offers a “Healthy Families” visit to all families in Trail and Rivervale with children 12 months or younger. The visits focus on promoting children's health and well-being, and preventing exposure to lead.

The Home & Garden Program offers “Healthy Homes” visits to expectant families and families with children 36 months or younger in Trail and Rivervale. The visit includes information on keeping the home and yard environment healthy and dust-free.



Through the Home & Garden Program, free environmental safety supplies, equipment and advice are available to all homeowners and tenants doing home renovations in Trail and Rivervale.



The Home & Garden Program also conducts soil testing on a priority basis and, if warranted, offers options to cover and/or replace soil.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT?

The overall health status of Trail residents is similar to the BC average, and BC has one of the healthiest populations in the world.

The community has worked pro-actively with industry and government for 25 years to safeguard health and the environment.

Since 1997, there has been a 99.5% reduction in smelter stack emissions. Teck is committed to air quality improvement and has a comprehensive dust reduction program underway aimed at further reducing metal levels in the environment.

Our program helps Trail area families prevent exposure to lead in house dust and soil. Young children are most vulnerable to the effects of lead. At the levels we currently see in Trail, the effects would not be measureable or detectable in individual children. There are many other factors that contribute to children's healthy development.

We've set and achieved targets for children's health. We're pro-actively involved in projects that promote children's healthy development, the most important investment any community can make.