What Happens During Soil Removal

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Tacoma Smelter Plume **November 2016**

This handout explains the soil removal and replacement process on a typical yard. Before construction, the homeowner provides access to the work area of the yard. This may include clearing yard furniture, play equipment or other personal items from the area.

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The contractor brings equipment to the site.

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The crew installs fencing. Fencing creates safe access to your home and insures pets and children stay out of the work area.

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During construction, the contractor removes the top 12 to 18 inches of contaminated soil. They also remove grass and plants.

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The contractor delivers clean soil to your yard.

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They spread the soil and level it to the pre-existing grade.

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They deliver sod or other landscape materials to your yard.

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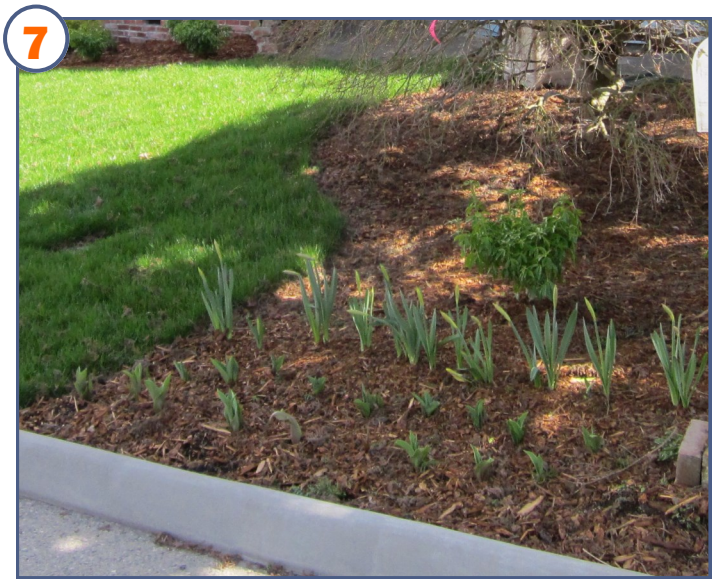

They replace shrubs and plants with younger versions. They replace the lawn with sod or hydroseed.

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The contractor maintains the new lawn for the first 60 days. They may leave fences in place during this time.

Questions? For more information, please call the project hotline at (360) 407-7688, press 2.
You can also visit our webpage at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/tacoma-smelter.html.

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