

Healthy yard

LAWN AREAS COVER
DIRT AND REDUCE DUST

DRIP ZONE HAS PLANTS AND
MULCH TO COVER THE GROUND

WALKWAYS TO PREVENT
DIRT AND DUST

PLAY AREAS WITH
CLEAN DIRT, SAND
OR GRASS

CARS ARE CONFINED
TO DRIVEWAY AREA

Is Your Yard Lead Proof?

POOR GRASS
CONDITION WITH
LARGE AREAS
OF EXPOSED
CONTAMINATED DIRT

CARS PARKING ON AREAS THAT
SHOULD BE GRASS AND
TURNING IT TO DUST AND DIRT

PLAY AREAS ARE LOCATED
NEAR FALLEN PAINT CHIPS

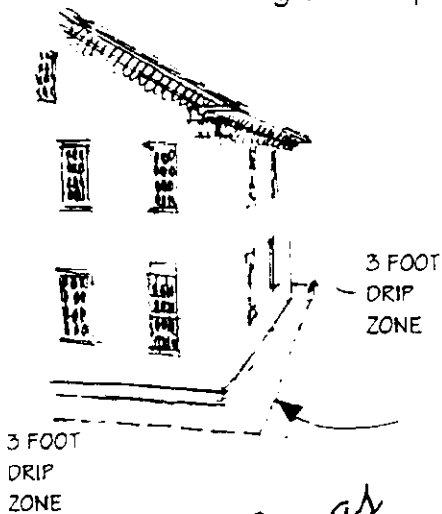
NO VEGETATION OR MULCH
COVERING THE CONTAMINATED
SOIL AROUND THE FOUNDATION.

Toxic yard



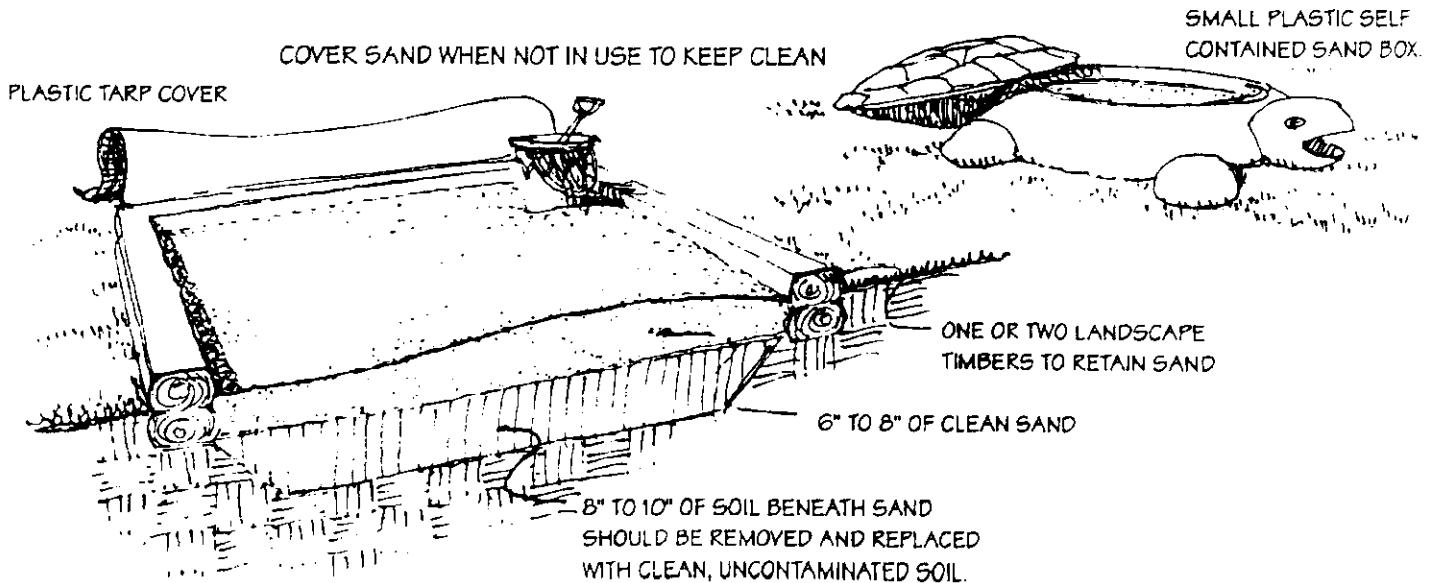
The Drip Zone

This narrow 3 foot strip around the foundation is usually where the most contaminated soil can be found. This is because paint chips containing lead have fallen to the ground and over the years have mixed with the top layer of soil. Although total removal of contaminated soil is preferred, an easier alternative is covering this strip area with mulch.



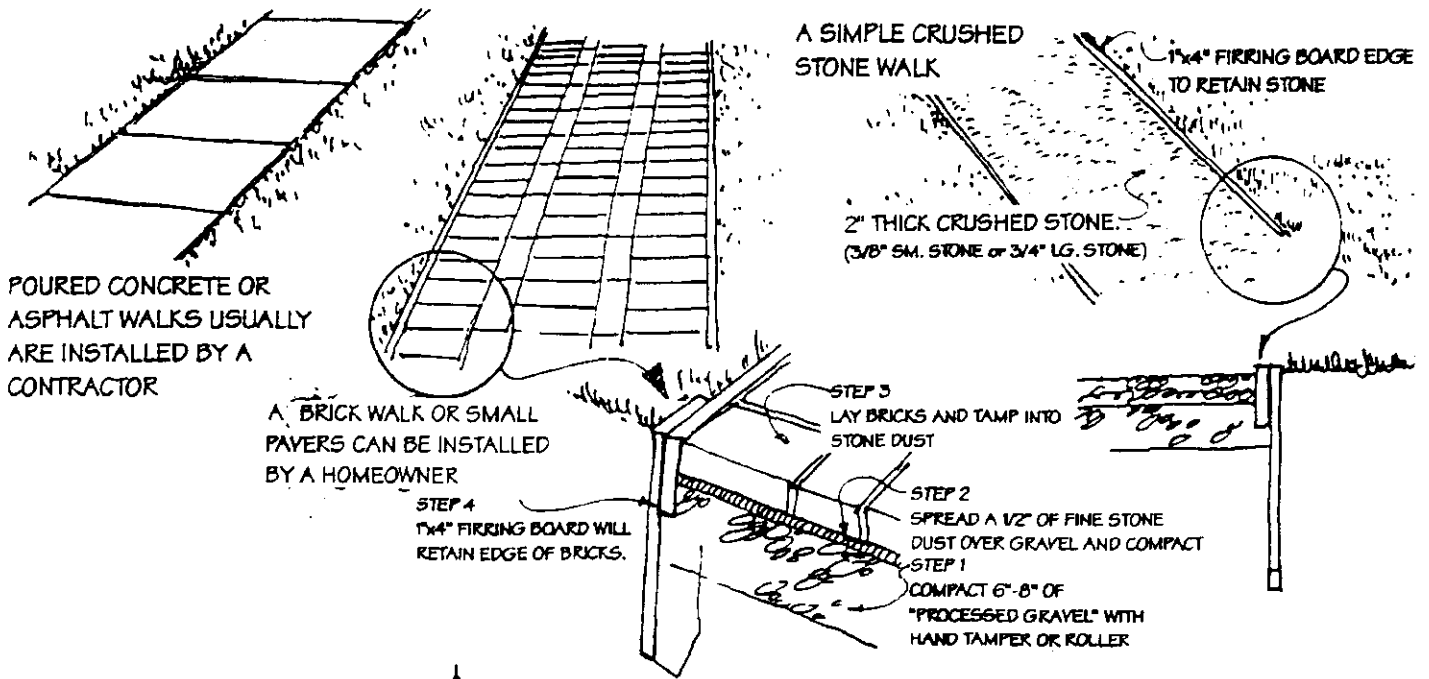
Play Areas

Play areas can be made safer just by properly locating them in the yard. Swing sets and sand boxes should be located away from the drip zone where the most contaminated soils are found. Sand used in the sand box should be clean, uncontaminated material. When playing in the sand, kids sometimes put toys and/or their hands in their mouth, so the sand box should be covered to prevent lead dust contamination when not in use. Soil should be tested in areas where kids are playing.



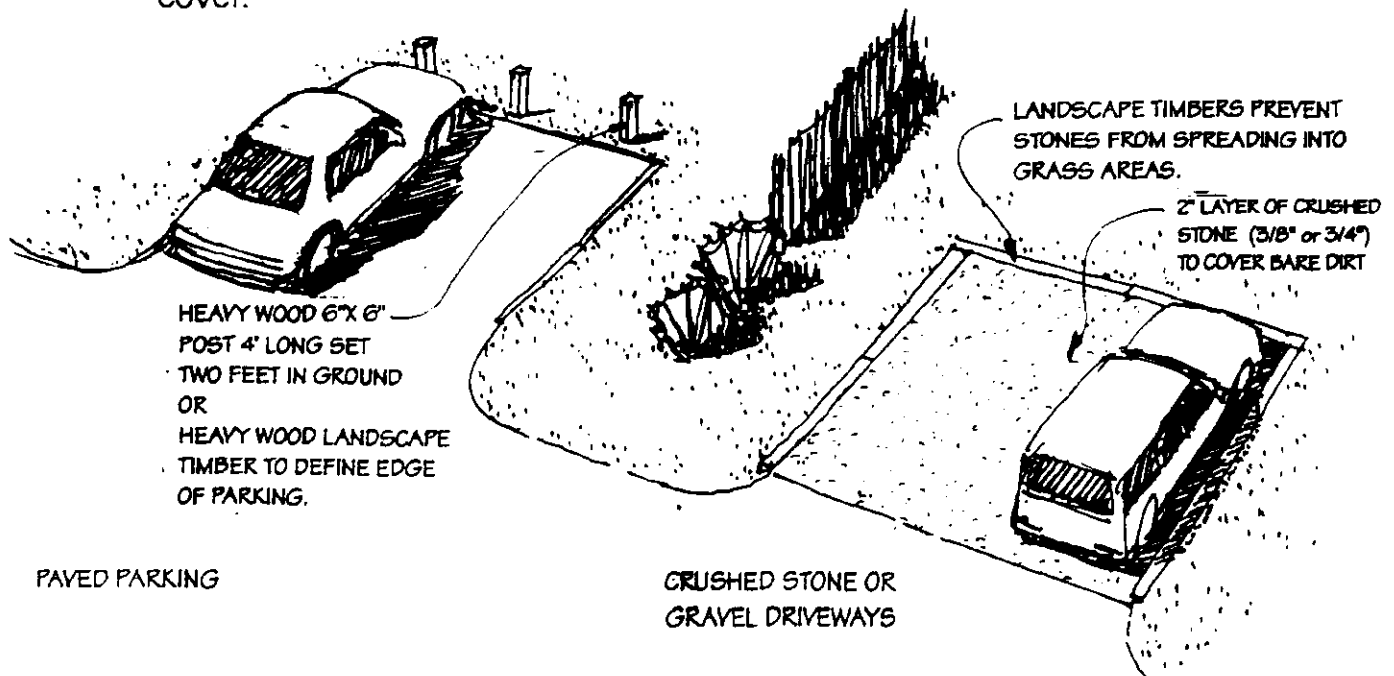
Walkways

Worn dirt paths create dust. In areas where people regularly walk, paving will limit dust and dirt. Professional contractors can provide concrete walks or stone paths. A homeowner can place woodchips or heavy gravel to minimize dust.



Parking Areas

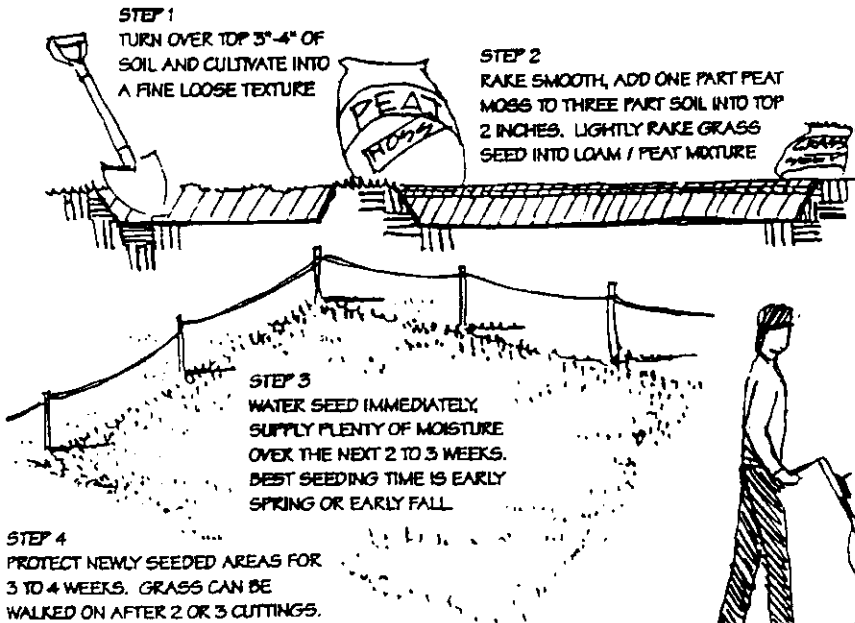
Cars parked all over the yard destroy the grass that covers lead contaminated soil. Driveways and parking lots (especially for multi-housing units buildings) should confine parking to a designated area that is either paved or has a gravel cover.



Lawn Areas

A healthy lawn is one of the best ways to reduce exposure to lead contaminated soils. Of course, a lawn requires routine maintenance with water and fertilizer to keep it healthy, but it is still the most practical solution for those who want to use their yards for playing and relaxing.

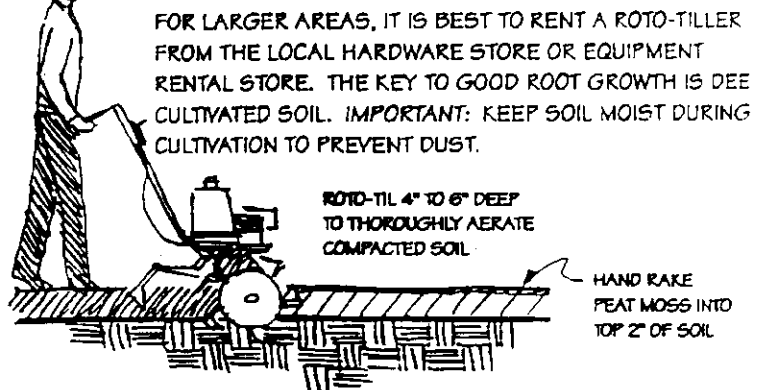
NEWLY SEEDED AREAS (SMALLER AREAS UNDER 100 SF.)



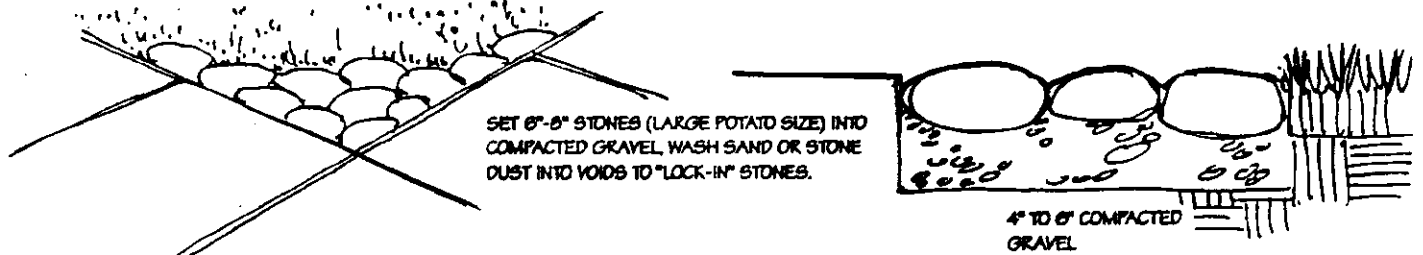
★ SEED SELECTION

GRASS SEED SELECTION WILL DEPEND ON AVAILABLE LIGHT. A RED FESCUE WILL PROVIDE A DURABLE DROUGHT RESISTANT LAWN AREA. WEED CONTROL WILL ALLOW STRONGER ROOT GROWTH OF GRASS AND PROVIDE FOR A GREENER LAWN.

NEWLY SEEDED AREAS (LARGER AREAS OVER 100 SF.)



CORNERS THAT WEAR OUT



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