



# Soil pollution from dioxins in the Le Vallon neighbourhood

Following the discovery of the presence of dioxin pollution in the Lausanne region, the Canton has worked with the city on several soil analysis campaigns to assess the level and extent of this pollution in the area.

At the same time, Unisanté (the University Centre for General Medicine and Public Health) was tasked by the Canton with defining the risks associated with exposure to these soils. This has been used to develop health recommendations according to the level of soil pollution and adapted to the soils' usage.

There is no longer any active source of pollution. The old dioxin pollution found in these soils is probably linked to the former household waste incineration plant in Le Vallon, which operated from 1958 to 2005. The current Tridel plant is not involved. Furthermore, the pollution presents no risk to the city's water supply.



Ville de Lausanne



# Recommendations for the Le Vallon district

## In the two allotment gardens in Le Vallon:



DO NOT EAT THE SOIL



WASH AND PEEL  
VEGETABLES AND FRUITS



WASH YOUR HANDS

## At the Place du Nord playground:



DO NOT EAT THE SOIL



ACCESS LIMITED TO 3X A WEEK FOR YOUNG CHILDREN  
TO LIMIT UNINTENTIONAL INGESTION OF SOIL  
(BY TOUCHING HANDS TO MOUTH)

## In the surrounding vegetable gardens and parcs (Hermitage, Sauvabelin, etc.):



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THE SOIL



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DO NOT CONSUME  
CUCURBITACEAE GROWN  
ON THESE SOILS\*  
\* courgettes, marrows, melon,  
cucumbers, squash, etc.



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