

Resource Document

Texas Choose Safe Places Program:

To find more information about the Texas Choose Safe Places Program, and to find additional resources, visit <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/environmental-surveillance-toxicology/hat/texas-choose-safe-places#:~:text=Texas%20Choose%20Safe%20Places%20Program,are%20dangerous%20to%20human%20health>.

Section Title: Structural Information

To have your property inspected by a licensed asbestos contractor, visit <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/asbestos-program> to learn more and to view a list of licensed health professionals.

To have a certified lead-based paint inspector test your property, visit <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/environmental-lead-program> to learn more and to view a list of licensed lead professionals.

If your property has been used for any of the above purposes, or if you can see anything on or near the property that could be considered potential sources of contamination, visit <https://www.epa.gov/cleanups/cleanups-my-community>, a tool provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that provides a map showing waste cleanups that have or are currently happening around your property.

To learn more about environmental site assessments, visit <https://www.astm.org/e1527-21.html>

To find a certified environmental site assessor in your area, visit https://www2.tceq.texas.gov/lic_dpa/index.cfm. You can search by specific name, area, or licensing type.

Section Title: Presence of Naturally Occurring Harmful Substances-Radon

To learn more about radon or to request a free test kit from Texas Tech University's Texas Radon Group, visit <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/cweb/radon/>

Section Title: Air Quality

To view air quality data from the nearest available monitoring station to your property, visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/monops/sites>

If you are concerned about the air quality around your property, visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality> for resources on improving air quality and contact information.

Section Title: Access to Safe Drinking Water

If you are having trouble finding out where the water to your property comes from, visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/whatsmysource.html> for more resources and contact information.

To learn more about well water and to see a list of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) accredited laboratories for testing, visit <https://tgpc.texas.gov/water-wells/private-wells/>

To learn more about available water treatments, visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/choosing-home-water-treatment>

To learn more types of contaminants that can be found in drinking water, visit https://www.cdc.gov/drinking-water/causes/chemicals-that-can-contaminate-tap-water.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/contamination/chemicals.html

Adding a water treatment to your property, such as a filtration system, can decrease potential exposures to harmful chemicals. To learn more about water treatment options, visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/choosing-home-water-treatment#testing-and-maintaining-your-water-treatment-unit> and https://19january2021snapshot.epa.gov/sites/static/files/2015-11/documents/2005_11_17_faq_fs_healthseries_filtration.pdf.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) offers a free statewide program that collects and analyzes drinking water in daycares and schools for lead. If you are interested in participating in this voluntary program, visit <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/lead-testing-school-and-child-care-drinking-water/voluntary-lead-testing-program> for more information.