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In historically industrialized urban areas, the potential for residential yard soils contamination is often high. Many urban residents want to grow their own food for health, economic, and community-building benefits, but are concerned due to nearby environmental issues or sources of contamination in their communities.

This workshop—a followup to last year's "Improving Your Soil Quality (for the Urban Grower)"—will provide processes to assess urban soils and manage risk. Participants increase understanding of how to sample soils, map those samples and their sample results in order to prevent exposure and manage risk. The workshop concludes on urban soil safety in context of heavy-metal-safe-growing and risk management in production, backyard, community and school farms and gardens, with continued emphasis on best practices.

*SAVE THE DATE for the third in this series, "Advanced Organic Soil Management", October 1, 2016*

# SOIL SAMPLING, RISK MAPPING AND EXPOSURE PREVENTION

FOR THE URBAN GROWER

with Rob Bennaton, UC Cooperative Extension  
-Contra Costa County

**Saturday**  
**June 11, 2016**  
**10:00am - 11:30am**

**Point Richmond  
Community Center**

**139 Washington Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94801**

**RSVP for this FREE WORKSHOP at:**  
[www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops](http://www.sustainablecoco.org/workshops)

## Join us afterwards for the Grand Opening Celebration of the Plunge Garden

After the workshop, all attendees are invited to a community celebration of the new tennis and garden complex at the Richmond Plunge, sponsored by the Richmond Tennis Association.

Enjoy afternoon garden activities including a pollination station, demonstrations of weed control using simple sheet mulching techniques, and more.

Presented by Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Sustainability Committee and Sustainable Contra Costa, with support from Richmond Mayor Tom Butt, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, UC Master Gardeners of Contra Costa County, and the Womens Westside Improvement Club. Afternoon garden activities in Kenny Park and at The Plunge Garden are supported by the Richmond Tennis Association and the Point Richmond Gateway Foundation.



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