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Dear Resident,

On Friday, November 6, the Bloomington Fire Department (BFD) conducted a controlled burn of the house located at 1213 South High Street as a training exercise designed to improve the department's firefighting skills. The exercise was reviewed and approved in advance by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Once all known potentially toxic elements of the home were removed prior to initiating the exercise, the controlled burn was authorized by IDEM as safe to conduct.

During and following the burn, area residents noticed and collected what appeared to be pieces of paint debris in the area. Initial testing on those samples indicates that the debris may contain lead, a known health hazard. IDEM is testing samples of the debris now, and results are expected in a few days. However, in the interest of safety and an abundance of caution, we are recommending that clean up of any visible debris begin immediately. Again, we do not know of any imminent danger to your health at this time, but we want to err on the side of caution.

**You will see BFD personnel in the area removing as much debris as possible over the next few days. We are here to help and hope you will consider us a resource. Please ask us questions or share your concerns.**

Additionally, we will make available the following resources for residents:

- Safe cleaning instructions for both inside and outside the house
- Masks, gloves, and other protective equipment to increase clean up process safety
- Specially marked waste bins for residents to put the ash debris into for future disposal at a proper waste site.

**If you would like to learn more about cleaning procedures online, please visit [bloomington.in.gov/bfdburninfo](http://bloomington.in.gov/bfdburninfo).**

If your questions are not addressed here, please reach out to one of our personnel in your area when you see them or call us at 812-349-3891. As additional information becomes available, we will share it on our website at [bloomington.in.gov/BFDburninfo](http://bloomington.in.gov/BFDburninfo). We remain committed to your safety and thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully,

Chief Jason Moore