Properties can be contaminated from both the chemicals used in meth production and/or residue left by using meth.

Proper decontamination is suggested to remediate properties that have been contaminated.

Additional Resources

Certified Decontamination Specialist
www.superfund.utah.gov/docs/ContractorList.pdf

Utah State Rule on Decontamination

Link to Local Health Departments
www.health.state.ut.us/hd/index.html

DEQ Website
www.environmentalresponse.utah.gov

Collaborative Site on Meth
www.methresources.gov

Utah’s Meth Task Force website
www.Endmethnow.org

A potent stimulant that is highly addictive, meth may be sold as a powder or rock-like substance. The most common names for meth are:

Crystal, Crank, Ice, Glass

Because meth is relatively inexpensive and easy to produce, residential meth labs are a serious problem. Once a property has been contaminated by meth production or usage, it remains that way until properly decontaminated.

Utah Department of Health

Environmental Epidemiology Program
Methamphetamine
288 North 1460 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Phone: 801-538-6191
Fax: 801-538-6564
http://health.utah.gov/meth

A snapshot guide to inform property owners of the resources available to them.
Contamination levels depend on the activity on the property, whether it is through production and/or use.

Production

Many flammable and toxic gases, as well as significant amounts of meth residue, can result from the production of meth.

Use

Meth can leave detectable residue levels on all surfaces.

Decontamination process

State standards for the decontamination process (R392-600) have been established in an effort to protect public health.

Contact your local health department for county specific decontamination procedures if your property tests positive for meth. While decontamination standards are the same statewide, county procedures may differ.

Local health department information available at: http://health.utah.gov/lhd

General Decontamination Process

If the property has been reported by local law enforcement as a meth lab the following procedures are required by state law:

1. The property owner is responsible for the decontamination of their home in accordance with State of Utah Rule 392-600.
2. Once confirmed, the property is placed on the local health department’s Contaminated Properties List.
3. A list of Certified Decontamination Specialists is available at: www.superfund.utah.gov/docs/ContractorList.pdf Contractor prices may vary.
4. A Work Plan must be submitted to the local health department before decontamination begins.
5. Confirmation sampling must be done to comply with state standards regarding meth contamination.
6. Once completed, a Final Report must be submitted to the local health department. After the report is reviewed, the property will be removed from the Contaminated Properties List.

Specific requirements for the decontamination process can be found in the State of Utah’s Chemically Contaminated Properties Regulation (State Rule 392-600) available at: www.rules.utah.gov/public/statute/r392/r392-600.html#F13

The state decontamination standard can be found at www.health.utah.gov/meth.