

JANUARY IS RADON AWARENESS MONTH

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RADON

Radon is a naturally occurring, cancer causing, radioactive gas. It is produced by a breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water and moves up through the ground into the air and penetrates your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation.

Radon can be found in all types of buildings, including homes, offices, and schools. Your greatest exposure to radon may be where you spend most of your time — at home. Homes that are next to each other can have varying levels of radon, so do not rely on measurements taken in your neighbor's home to determine your home's radon levels.

Since radon levels tend to vary from day to day and season to season, a short-term test (fewer than 90 days) will not provide your annual average radon level. Long-term tests (greater than 90 days) can be ordered through or purchased from a local hardware store.

The Surgeon General has warned radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States; only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. You cannot see, smell, or taste radon. Testing is the only way to determine your home's radon levels.

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