

Contact your local Public Health Department for more information and radon kits:

Clark County

Health Department

517 Court Street Room 105

Neillsville, WI 54456

Phone: (715) 743-5105

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General Radon Information:

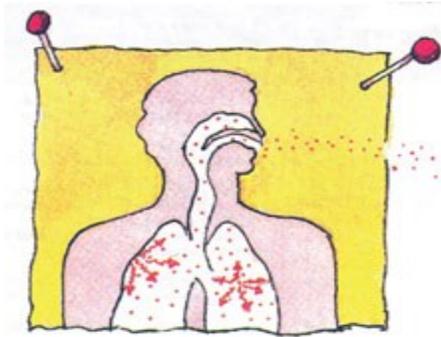
West Central Wisconsin Radon Information Center

715-839-4718

Online Resources:

www.lowradon.org

www.epa.gov/radon



Did you know Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the nation!

It is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas that can be found anywhere.

Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive.

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Short term radon kits are available at the Health Dept. for \$6.00

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Protect Yourself and Your Home

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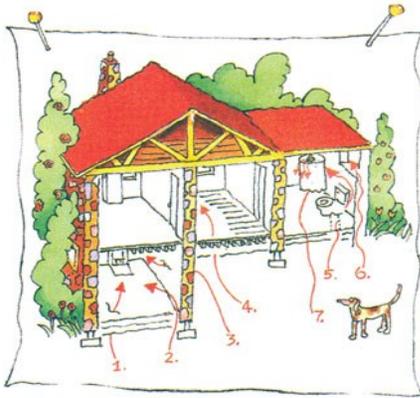


Information and graphics from the EPA Citizen's Guide To Radon.

Answers to your basic radon questions!

What is Radon?

Radon is an invisible and odorless gas. It comes from the decay of uranium naturally deposited in the soil, rock, and water. It is a concern when high levels are found in homes.



How does it enter my home?

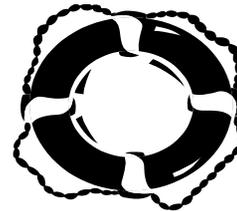
The main reason radon enters the home is when warm air rises in the home creating a vacuum in the lower parts of the building and air from below the home moves into the house to fill the space. It also enters through cracks in the floors, walls, doors, and openings around floor drains, pipes, and sump pumps.

What are the Health Effects?

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the nation. The National Academy of Sciences estimates that radon causes 15,000 to 22,000 lung cancer deaths in this country each year. When humans breathe in radon, the gas enters the lungs where it undergoes radioactive decay. As it decays, radon releases tiny bursts of energy called alpha particles. These alpha particles can harm sensitive lung tissue by damaging the DNA, which in turn can lead to cancer.

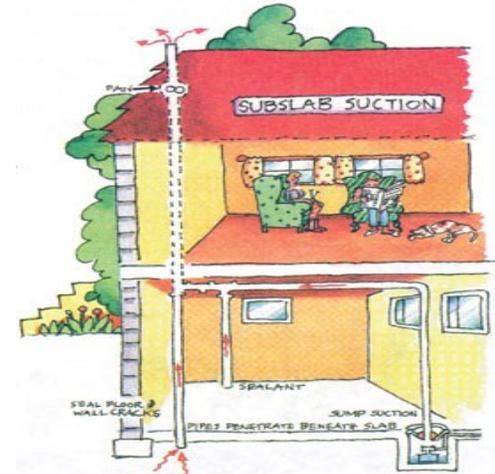
How do I know my home is safe?

The only way to know if you have a radon issue in your home is to test. Radon is measured in pico curies per liter of air. There are easy to use test kits available at local hardware stores or your local Health Department. Testing is as easy as opening a package, placing a radon detector in the lowest living area of your home, and typically after two days you send the sealed detector to a lab that will then measure the radon and send results back to you. Test kits in general are easy to use and take only a few days or some can be run for a whole year. The EPA recommends levels at or above 4pCi/L be fixed.



Testing can be a lifesaver!

Locally, the Eau Claire City-County Health Department is the West Central Wisconsin Radon Information Center. Our health department offers both long-term and short-term radon test kits. We also supply radon information to the following Wisconsin counties: Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin and Trempealeau.



The West Central RIC also offers information on how to fix radon levels in your home. Most radon levels are fixed by installing sub-slab depressurization systems that prevent radon from entering the home from below the concrete floor and foundation. The cost is usually between \$1000-\$2000. Contact the West Central RIC for more information.