

Keep your home safe from Radon



Radon is a colorless and odorless gas. It comes from the ground and can build up in the home. When inhaled, radon gas can damage your lungs. Exposure to radon over a long period increases your risk of developing lung disease and lung cancer.

Lack of ventilation can make radon levels higher. In colder regions of the country, levels can increase during the heating season. In Minnesota, 2 in 5 homes have high levels of radon. This is 3 times higher than the national average.

Radon can be a serious problem for Minnesotans. But there are ways to test and see if your apartment or home is safe. Here is how you can test your home or apartment for radon.

PURCHASE AN AT HOME TEST

Self-test kits can be found at local health departments, hardware stores, Amazon, and for a discount on the Minnesota Department of Health radon website: MN.radon.com

FIND THE BEST TESTING LOCATION

It is important to test the lowest level of your home that is regularly used. Do not test near high humidity or heat areas, like windows, kitchens, baths, laundry rooms, or furnaces.

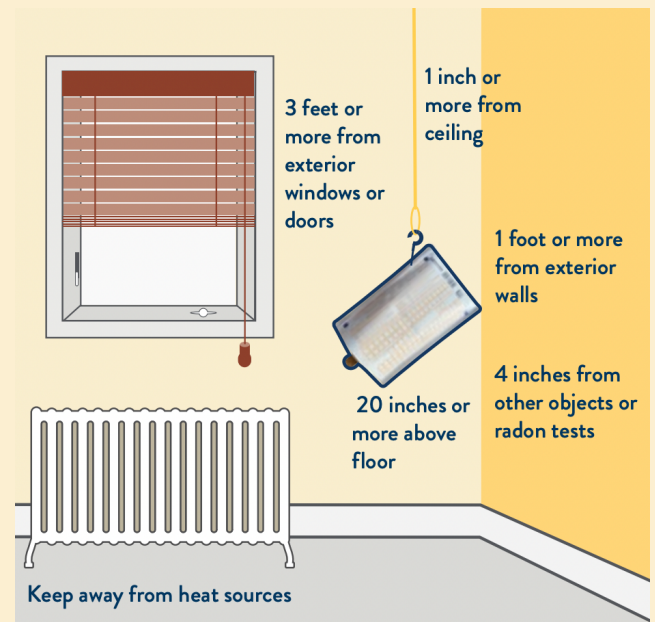
WEATHER CAN AFFECT RADON LEVELS

If there is severe or unusually windy weather, wait to test. Testing can be done at any time of the year. Short-term tests are recommended in the winter.

NOTIFY YOUR LANDLORD IF HIGH LEVELS

If your home is found to have high levels of radon, notify your landlord and neighbors to install a radon mitigation system.

How to place your test:



- Once the test is complete, seal the package and mail it to the lab immediately.
- Make sure all information is written on the test and note the test kit ID number.
- You can add your e-mail address to the test kit for faster notification of results.

Source: Minnesota Department of Health

For more information on radon scan the QR code

You can also go to MN.RADON.COM to order a \$12.95 3-7 day test kit

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