



**Protect Your Family.
Test Your Home.**

**RADON
ACTION
WEEK**
OCTOBER 17-23, 2010



Nearly 1 in 15 homes in the United States would be expected to have an elevated indoor radon level, and **in Michigan approximately 1 in 8 homes would be expected to have a radon problem.**

Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas that is naturally occurring in soil and rock. It enters buildings through openings in the foundation floor or walls (sump openings; crawlspaces; floor/wall joints; cracks; space around plumbing, wiring, or ductwork; etc.).

Radon has no warning symptoms (it does not cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, etc.); the only known health effect is an increased risk of lung cancer!

Any home could have a radon problem. It doesn't matter whether it's old or new; energy efficient or drafty; or built over a basement, over a crawlspace, or built slab-on-grade—it could have a problem, so ALL homes should be tested. The only way to know if your home has a radon problem is to test it!

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, resulting in more than 21,000 new lung cancers each year (*more than 600 of those in Michigan alone!*).

Nearly ONE in EIGHT Michigan homes

could have a RADON problem!

EPA and the Surgeon General recommend that all homes be tested for radon.

**Protect yourself and your loved ones!
Test your home for radon today!**

1-800-RADON GAS/1-800-723-6642
www.michigan.gov/radon

Facts About Radon

- ◆ Governor Jennifer Granholm has declared the week of October 17-23, 2010, to be Radon Action Week in Michigan. [View the Governor's Proclamation](#), then read on to find out more.
- ◆ Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, resulting in more than 21,000 new lung cancers each year (more than 600 of those in Michigan alone!).
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- ◆ It has no warning symptoms (it does not cause headaches, nausea, fatigue, etc.); the only known health effect is an increased risk of lung cancer!
- ◆ Nearly ONE in EIGHT Michigan homes would be expected to have an elevated radon level, and in some counties, more than 40% of the homes could have problems!
- ◆ If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is significantly increased.
- ◆ Testing is easy and inexpensive. (Test kits are available from county or city health departments, *generally* for \$10 or less, or from some hardware stores or home improvement centers, generally \$15-\$30).
- ◆ Homes with elevated radon levels can be fixed, and new homes can be built using radon-resistant techniques.
- ◆ The EPA recommended action guideline is 4 picocuries per liter of air (4 pCi/l). Homes with radon levels of 4 pCi/l or higher *should be fixed*.
- ◆ The only way to know if your home has an elevated radon level is to test! Test your home today! (It's easier than holding your breath!)
- ◆ For more information, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment's Indoor Radon Program at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642).



Where Can I Get a Radon Test Kit?

Radon test kits are available from county and city health departments and a few other agencies/organizations, as noted below. They can also be found in *some* hardware stores or home improvement centers, or purchased online at www.mi.radon.com. (If you prefer to hire a professional testing service, visit www.radongas.org and/or www.nrsb.org, or call the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment at 1-800-RADON GAS / 1-800-723-6642 for more information.)

ALCONA - 989-724-6757 ext 1600
ALGER - 906-387-2297 ext 111
ALLEGAN - 269-673-5411
ALPENA - 800-221-0294 or 989-356-4507
ANTRIM - 231-533-8670
ARENAC - 989-846-6541
BARAGA - 906-524-6142
BARRY - 269-945-9516
BAY - 989-895-4006
BENZIE - 231-882-2103
BERRIEN – Benton Harbor - 269-927-5623
 Niles – 269-684-2800
 Three Oaks – 269-756-2008
BRANCH - 517-279-9561 ext 106
CALHOUN - 269-969-6341
CASS - 269-445-5280
CHARLEVOIX - 231-547-6523
CHEBOYGAN - 231-627-8850
CHIPPEWA - 906-635-3620
CLARE - 989-539-5092
CLINTON - 989-224-2195
CRAWFORD - 989-348-7800
DELTA - 906-786-9692
DICKINSON - 906-774-1868
EATON - (Eaton) 517-541-2615
 (Lansing) 517-485-7110
EMMET - 231-347-6014
GENESEE - 810-257-3603
GLADWIN - 989-426-9431
GOGEBIC - 906-667-0200
GRAND TRAVERSE - 231-995-6051
GRATIOT - 989-875-3681
HILLSDALE - 517-437-7395 ext 111
MSU Extension Hillsdale – 517-439-9301
HOUGHTON - 906-482-7382
HURON - 989-269-9721
INGHAM - 517-887-4312
IONIA - 616-527-5341
IOSCO - 989-362-6183 x1500
IRON - 906-265-9913
ISABELLA - 989-773-5921
JACKSON - 517-788-4433
KALAMAZOO - 269-373-5210
KALKASKA - 231-258-8669
KENT - 616-632-6900
Healthy Homes Coalition W MI – 616-241-3300
KEWEENAW – (call Houghton) 906-482-7382
LAKE - 231-745-4663
LAPEER - 810-667-0392
LEELANAU - 231-256-0200
LENAWEE - 517-264-5214
LIVINGSTON - 517-546-9858
LUCE - 906-293-1303
MACKINAC - 906-643-1100 ext 105
MACOMB – Mt. Clemens - 586-469-5236
 Warren – 586-465-8030
MANISTEE - 231-723-3595
MARQUETTE - 906-475-4195
MASON - 231-845-7381
MECOSTA - 231-592-0130
MENOMINEE - 906-863-4451
MIDLAND - 989-832-6679
MISSAUKEE - 231-839-7167
MONROE - 734-240-7900
MONTCALM - 989-831-5237
MONTMORENCY - 989-785-4428
MUSKEGON - 231-724-6208
NEWAYGO - 231-689-7300
OAKLAND Pontiac – 248-858-1312
 Southfield - 248-424-7192
 Walled Lake - 248-926-3305
OCEANA - 231-873-2193
OGEMAW - 989-345-5020 x1842
ONTONAGON - 906-884-4485
OSCEOLA - 231-832-5532
OSCODA - 989-826-3970 x1700
OTSEGO - 989-732-1794
OTTAWA - 616-393-5645 or 800-764-4111 x5645
HOLLAND City - 616-355-1330
PRESQUE ISLE - 989-734-4723
ROSCOMMON - 989-366-3607
SAGINAW - 989-758-3686
SAINT CLAIR - 810-987-5306
ST JOSEPH – 269-273-2161 or 800-258-1092 ext 233
MSU Extension St Joseph – 269-467-5540
SANILAC – 810-648-2150
SCHOOLCRAFT – 906-341-4110
SHIAWASSEE – 989-743-2390
TUSCOLA - 989-673-8114
VAN BUREN - 269-621-3143
WASHTENAW - 734-222-3800
WAYNE - 734-727-7400
DETROIT City - 313-876-4519/49
WEXFORD - 231-775-9942
STATEWIDE – www.mi.radon.com