



January is National Radon Action Month

About 2 in 5 homes have dangerous levels of radon; every home should be tested

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer for smokers. More than 21,000 lung cancer deaths are attributed to radon each year in the United States.

Radon is an odorless, colorless and tasteless radioactive gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soils. It can enter homes through cracks or openings in walls or foundations. The only way for residents to know if their home has radon is to test.

Testing is easy, inexpensive and only takes 3-7 days. The best time to test is during the heating season, but testing can be done year-round. Tests should be done in the lowest level of the home that is frequently occupied. If your test results are high, radon can be reduced with a mitigation system. Anyone interested in mitigating his or her home for radon should consult MDH's list of certified radon mitigation contractors at [Find a Radon Mitigation Professional - MN Dept. of Health](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/air/radon/mitigation.html) or (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/air/radon/mitigation.html>)

For more information on radon visit www.health.state.mn.us/radon or call Wadena County Public Health at 218-631-7629. The MN Department of Health has partnered with Wadena County Public Health to make test kits available for \$5.00. Radon test kits are also available at hardware stores. For more information call Wadena County Public Health at 218-631-7629.

