

# RADON

## How do I lower my radon levels in my home?

- ◆ Contact a certified mitigation company
- ◆ Install a mitigation system in your home.



## Where can I find a list of certified mitigation companies?

- ◆ Available online at [www.lowradon.org](http://www.lowradon.org)

## I am a renter with a high radon level. Is my landlord required to mitigate?

- ◆ There is no Wisconsin law that requires landlords to lower Radon levels in their rental properties.

## RADON TEST KITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$10.00 AT:

Winnebago County  
Health Department  
112 Otter Avenue, 2nd floor  
Oshkosh, WI 54903  
Phone: 920-232-3000

Winnebago County  
Health Department  
211 Walnut Street, 2nd floor  
Neenah, WI 54956  
Phone: 920-727-2894

Local City or Town clerks offices

Kits may also be purchased at  
home improvement stores

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Winnebago County Health Department  
[www.winnebagopublichealth.org](http://www.winnebagopublichealth.org)  
[health@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:health@co.winnebago.wi.us)

WI DHS Radon Program  
[www.lowradon.org](http://www.lowradon.org)

US EPA  
[www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)

**TEST** YOUR HOME  
**FIX** YOUR HOME  
**SAVE** YOUR LIFE



**PublicHealth**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
**Winnebago County  
Health Department**

# Do you know your number? Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer! 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year nationwide are caused by Radon.

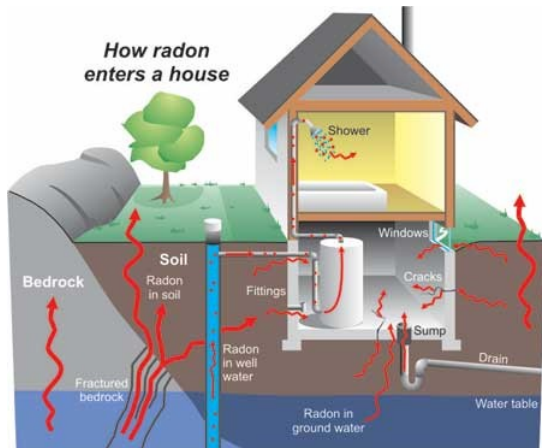
## What is Radon?

### Radon Is

radioactive  
naturally-occurring  
Cancer-causing  
Preventable  
invisible  
Radon  
odorless  
tasteless

## Where does radon come from?

- Occurs naturally by the decay of Uranium present in rock and soil.
- Enters a house through cracks, drain tiles, sump pits, and other openings in the basement floors and walls.



## How do I determine the level in my home?

- Testing is the only way to know for sure. It's easy and inexpensive.
- Purchase a short-term or long-term test kit today! See back panel for locations.



## Where do I place my Test kit?

- Test kits should be placed in the lowest living space of the home away from vents, doors, and windows.
- Note: Basements that are not used frequently (e.g. only to do laundry), are not the best location since there is limited exposure. A first floor room (bedroom, living room) that you have a longer exposure to Radon is the best location.

## When should I test for radon?

- Winter is the best time to test, since your home is closed up tight.

## What do I do with my test results?

Result	Action
First result: less than 4 pCi/L	No follow-up needed. Home has low levels.
First result: between 4 and 8 pCi/L	Do a year-long follow-up measurement with an alpha-track detector to determine your average radon exposure..
First result: above 8 pCi/L	Do a short-term or long-term follow-up to confirm the accuracy of your first result.

- 5-10% of the homes in Wisconsin have radon levels above the US EPA guideline of 4 pCi/L for the year average on the main floor.
- Radon levels may change with seasons, and are low when windows are open. The average radon level in occupied floors of your home determines your lung cancer risk from radon exposure.

