Low Radon Levels: When to Re-Test

Radon Tipsheet #12

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I've tested for radon and the levels are low—now what?

Just because your home has low radon levels now does not mean it will stay that way.

Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer in Maine – be safe and re-test every 3 to 5 years.

Radon in Air

When you re-test for radon in your home's air depends on when you did your first radon test.

- If your first test was done in summer, re-test during the winter when radon levels are often higher. Or do a year-long test to make sure your radon levels are low most of the time.
- If your first test was done in winter, **re-test every three to five years.**
- For more information on radon in air see Radon Tipsheet #1 and Radon Tipsheet #2.

Radon and Real Estate

- Any home for sale should be tested for radon as part of the pre-sale home inspection.
- If you are testing for radon when buying or selling a home, Maine law requires the testing to be done by a registered radon tester.
- For more information for buyers or sellers see Radon Tipsheet #3 and Radon Tipsheet #5.

Radon in Water

You only need to test for radon in your home's water if you get your water from a well. Radon from well water is released into the air when you take a shower, do laundry or wash dishes.

If your first radon water test found low radon levels:

- Re-test in a few weeks because radon levels in wells can change. If this test is high, mitigate.
- If the re-test still found low radon levels, re-test every three to five years.
- For more information on radon in water see Radon Tipsheet #1 and Radon Tipsheet #2.

Other Times to Test

- Things like home renovations, earthquakes, blasting and changes in the water table can change the way radon gets into your home.
- Be safe and re-test the radon in your air and well water after any of these events.

Radon can increase your risk of lung cancer.

Protect your family. Learn. Test. Treat if needed.

- Check this website: www.MaineRadiationControl.org
- For advice: 1-800-232-0842 • radon.dhhs@maine.gov • TTY: Call Maine Relay 711