

# I've Mitigated for Radon – Now What?



Having an air and/or water mitigation system does not mean that your home will be safe from radon forever. Make sure your mitigation systems are working to lower the radon levels in your home.



**Radon is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of lung cancer in Maine – be safe and re-test every 2 years.**

## Radon in Air

**Re-test the air in your home every two years** to make sure your radon system is keeping your radon levels low.

- Check your system. Find the U-shaped tube on the side of your radon pipe with colored fluid in it. Make sure the fluid level in one leg of the “U” is higher than the other.
  - If the fluid levels stay the same, your system's fan is working. Even if your fan is working, your radon levels may not be low.
  - If your fluid levels change, call the company that put in your system or the number below.

**Home renovations and repairs can change how your radon air mitigation system works.**

- Re-test for radon in your home's air after any changes to your home's structure, including:
  - Replacing windows
  - Fixing the roof
  - Putting in a new heating system
  - Building an addition or an attached garage

## Radon in Water

**Re-test your water for radon every two years** to make sure your radon system is keeping your radon levels low.

- If you have an aeration system, it should be cleaned and checked at least once a year, and serviced as needed.
- If you have a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) system, the charcoal will need to be replaced once in a while. Check your system's paperwork for the proper schedule.

## Radon in Real Estate

When buying or selling a home with a radon air and/or water mitigation system, results of radon tests should be made available to the buyer.

- If the radon test results are more than two years old, the home should be re-tested.
- Continue to re-test every two years to make sure the system(s) is working.

**Radon can increase your risk of lung cancer.**

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

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