

# Low Radon Levels: When to Re-Test



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

## 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.

## 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 two years.

## 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.

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