



Radon Resource Guide for Pennsylvanians

Visit our web page:

www.dep.pa.gov/radon

You'll find videos on how to test the radon level in your home and how a radon reduction system is installed and operates, as well as a tool to search for average radon levels by zip code, and other helpful information.

Tip:

Print this guide and keep it handy in your home. Print a few extra copies to share with your family, friends, community and church groups, co-workers, or customers.



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Radon: An invisible, odorless, radioactive gas

Radon gas results from the breakdown of uranium in the soil. Radon enters houses and other buildings through cracks in the foundation and other openings. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Because of our soil and rock, Pennsylvania has some of the highest radon levels in the United States. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and EPA strongly recommend testing your home or other building for radon.

Many Pennsylvanians have questions about radon, how to test the radon level in their home, and how to lower it. DEP has answers.

How to Contact the DEP Radon Division

Call our main line:

(717) 783-3594 | toll free: (800) 237-2366

Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Leave voicemail after hours

Email our main account: ra-epbrpenvpri@pa.gov

Send us mail:

Bureau of Radiation Protection

Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection

400 Market Street

Harrisburg, PA 17105

Contact the Radon Monitoring Section

We can answer many questions about radon, such as how to test for radon, what the health impacts of exposure to radon are, and how to lower radon levels.

Helpful for: Pennsylvania residents, family physicians, realtors, school districts, home builders, and building code officials

Contact the Radon Certification Section

Helpful for:

- Radon professionals. We provide information to professionals on how to become certified to perform radon mitigation, radon testing and radon laboratory analysis. If you're already certified, you can contact us for information on how to update contact information or make changes to or renew your certification.
- Anyone who's having radon testing done or a radon reduction system installed can call us to verify that the individual performing these services is currently certified.

Fast Facts: Radon

- Over 40 percent of Pennsylvania homes have radon levels above the federal guideline of 4 pCi/L of air.
- Home radon levels can vary in a neighborhood, due primarily to geology and construction characteristics.
- In Pennsylvania, the cost of installing a radon reduction system ranges from about \$800 to \$1,200.
- After a radon reduction system is installed, another radon test should be performed to make sure the radon levels are brought below 4 pCi/L.
- Pennsylvania has no state law requiring that homes, schools, or other buildings be tested for radon. However, DEP recommends all be tested.