

# RADON IN THE HOME:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### WHAT IS RADON?

- Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless radioactive gas formed by the breakdown of uranium, a natural radioactive material found in soil, rock and groundwater.
- It is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking.

### HOW DOES RADON GET INTO THE HOME?

- When radon is released from the ground into homes, it typically moves up through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Your home traps radon inside, where it can build up to dangerous levels. Any home may have a radon problem – this means new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements.
- Nearly 1 out of every 15 homes in the United States and Canada is estimated to have an elevated radon level. Even if you live in an area with fairly low environmental radon, you could still have significant levels in your home.

### WHY TEST FOR RADON?

- You and your family are most likely to get your greatest radiation exposure at home because that is where you spend most of your time. Radon testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon.
- If you're buying a home, a radon inspection is something you should think about. Homeowners who are planning on selling their home can also show potential buyers proof of a radon inspection, which is a good idea as radon gains more awareness.

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