



What you **don't**  
see **can** hurt you

# RADON

## Radon: cancer causing & radioactive gas

You cannot see, smell or taste radon but it may be a problem in your home. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US and the leading cause among non-smokers. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 lung cancer deaths each year occur in people who have never smoked. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels your risk of lung cancer greatly increases!

## Radon is found throughout the US

Radon comes from the natural radioactive breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water and gets into the air that you breath. It can enter any type of building (homes, offices and schools) and build up to high levels. Families are most likely to get the greatest exposure in the home because this is where you spend the greatest amount of time.

## Testing for Radon

Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk. It is recommended that you test in the lowest lived in level of your home. Winter is the best time to test because your windows and doors are typically closed. Testing is inexpensive and easy—it should only take a few minutes of your time. Test kits are available at your local health department if you live in Waushara, Green Lake, Marquette and Portage counties. Kits are also available at most hardware stores for around \$20.00. Protect your family and test your home.

## Fixing the Problem

There are simple inexpensive ways to fix a radon problem. Even very high levels of radon can be reduced to acceptable levels. In Waushara, Green Lake, Marquette and Portage Counties, you can obtain more information about radon and testing by calling your local Radon Information Center at 920-787-6590, or by contacting your local health department. You can also visit the Wisconsin Radon Information site at: [www.lowradon.org](http://www.lowradon.org)



## This Coupon is good for **ONE FREE Radon Test Kit**

If you are a resident of Waushara, Green Lake, Marquette, or Portage County, bring this certificate to your Health Department **during the month of January** and receive a **FREE** radon test kit for your home!

See reverse of coupon for addresses  
where this coupon can be redeemed.

Green Lake County Health Department  
571 County Road A  
Green Lake, WI 54941  
920-294-4070

Portage County Health Department  
817 Whiting Avenue  
Stevens Point, WI 54981  
715-345-5350

Marquette County Health Department  
428 Underwood  
Montello, WI 53949  
608-297-3128

Waushara County Health Department  
230 West Park Street  
Wautoma, WI 54982  
920-787-6590