



Take Action on Radon National Kick-off Meeting for Radon Action Month

October 20th, 2020



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Purpose of the Regional Meetings

- Provide an update on ongoing TAOR programs and projects
- TAOR plans for Radon Action Month (RAM) this November
- Resources that TAOR will be making available for everyone to use
- Initiatives from across the country



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2018 – 2019 was the Inaugural Year for the Project, with Expansion in 2019-2020 and here are the communities we will be launching in 2020-2021

Fall 2020 Communities



2018-2019 Communities

Moncton, NB
Salmon Arm, BC
Winnipeg, MB
Spruce Grove, AB
Golden, BC
Souris, MB
Port Colborne, ON
Baden, ON
Wabana, NL

2019 – 2020 Communities

Halifax, NS
Sherbrooke, QC
Brandon, MB
Dauphin, MB
Greater Madawaska, ON
Summerland, BC
Valemount, BC
Coquitlam, BC
Abbotsford, BC
McBride, BC
Vaudreuil-Dorion, QC
Pembroke, ON
Harrison Park, MB
North Grenville, ON

Sicamous, BC
Kelowna, BC
West Kelowna, BC
Peachland, BC
Westbank, BC
Vernon, BC
Sundre, AB
Black Diamond, AB
Lakeshore, MB
Madawaska, NB
Stephenville, NL
Leeds & Thousand Islands, ON
Silver Harbour, MB
Carleton-sur-mer, QC
Candiac, QC
Chatham-Kent, ON
Mount Pearl, NL

Population range: 616 to 750 000



Our 2019 – 2020 Communities will be releasing their Community Reports soon. You can find them on our Take Action on Radon website as they are released.


Our 2020-21 Communities are launching their campaigns, and we're gaining media coverage!




90 HOMES

participated by testing for radon during the winter of 2019. This represents less than 2% of the community dwellings.

24% of homes tested above Health Canada's guideline of 200 Bq/m³.

 Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the ground.

 Exposure to elevated levels of radon is linked to increased chances of developing lung cancer.



Radon test kits freely available for Stephenville homes

Stephen Roberts (stephen.roberts@thwesternstar.com)

Published: Oct 15 at 5:11 p.m.

Updated: Oct 15 at 8:20 p.m.



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LOCAL NEWS NOW

NEWS QUESTION OF THE DAY SHOWS COMMUNITY NETWORK STATIONS



Local News

Stephenville Mayor Hoping Residents Avail of I

Oct 19, 2020 9:23 AM

Working from home during COVID could increase exposure to radon gas

Ellwood Shreve

[More from Ellwood Shreve](#)

Published on: October 19, 2020 | Last Updated: October 19, 2020 4:12 PM EDT



Chatham-Kent public health inspector Scott Dawson displays one of the radon test kits that are available from the Chatham-Kent Public Health to measure to see if the cancer-causing gas is in your home. (Ellwood Shreve/Chatham Daily News)



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The numbers so far....

- **1 Community** is distributing their test kits
- **1 Community** has filled their registration list and is on to a wait list
- **4 Communities** (Kelowna region) have filled their registration list and expanded to include 1000 more test kits (thanks to BC Lung and the Vancouver Foundation for support)
- **11 Communities** are actively accepting registration – ranging up to ½ full
- **4 Radio Interviews**
- **14 Print and Online Articles**

The importance of having low radon levels in your home

Estevan Mercury

OCTOBER 15, 2020 12:11 AM



People are being encouraged to be mindful about radon — an invisible radioactive gas produced by the breakdown of uranium in the ground.

It is found in almost every home in the country, and in small concentrations, is not a cause for concern. But in larger concentrations, it can be dangerous, as it is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers.



Win a rebate of up to **\$1000**
towards the cost of reducing the
high radon level in your home.



Radon Reduction Sweepstakes

Winners will be announced on the
Take Action on Radon website,
through regionalized press releases
and on social media.

Check them out to see some great
testimonials from engaged
Canadians.

<https://takeactiononradon.ca/join/resources-for-stakeholders/>



SK: "I think everyone should test as a selling feature for their house. Now that everyone is getting to know about it; in Regina there are a lot of homes that are high. When you go to sell your house, it will be hard to sell if you haven't had it looked after. "



NS: "The short-term cost of testing for radon may seem high, but the long-term cost will be higher," says Earl Head. "I wouldn't take any chances, it's always better to be safe than sorry — especially when it's so easy to test."



This year's hashtag is: **#TakeActiononRadon**

Your home may be your new workplace

- Home workplaces are different from traditional workplaces

You're spending more time in your home.

- Some things are out of our control....

- Chaos, kids, pets
- But there are things you can control... the air they breathe
- Primary messaging:
- Working from home? Keep your indoor air safe.
- Life is chaotic but testing for radon is easy. Simple. Test now.



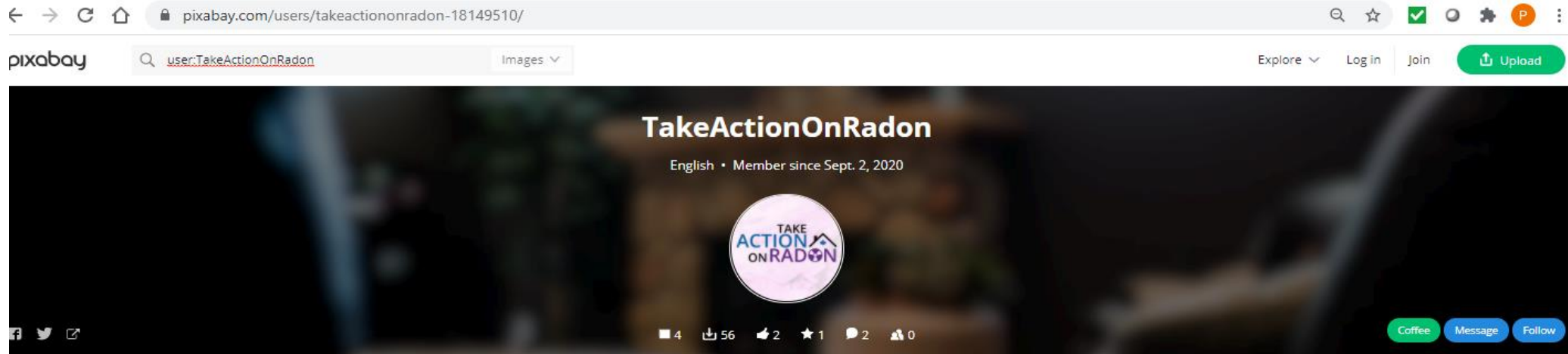
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Free Downloadable Resources:
Radon photos now available on
pixabay.com



Search: radon

Comments so far..

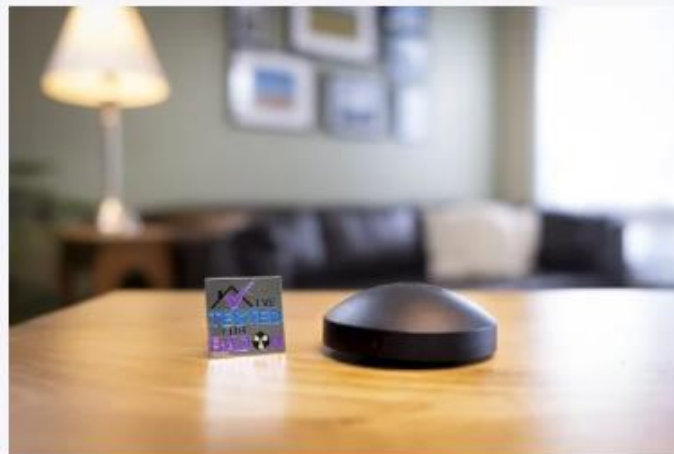
- "I never thought I'd find such a specific picture – thank you!"
- "Wow!"

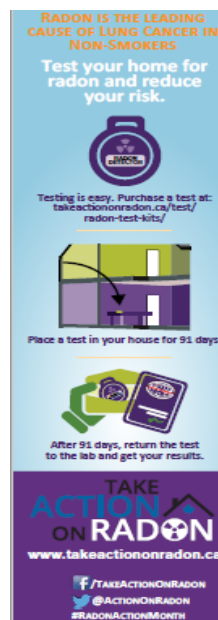


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POPULAR LATEST ABOUT ME





Window Clings
available

Postcard (French on
reverse)

Pins



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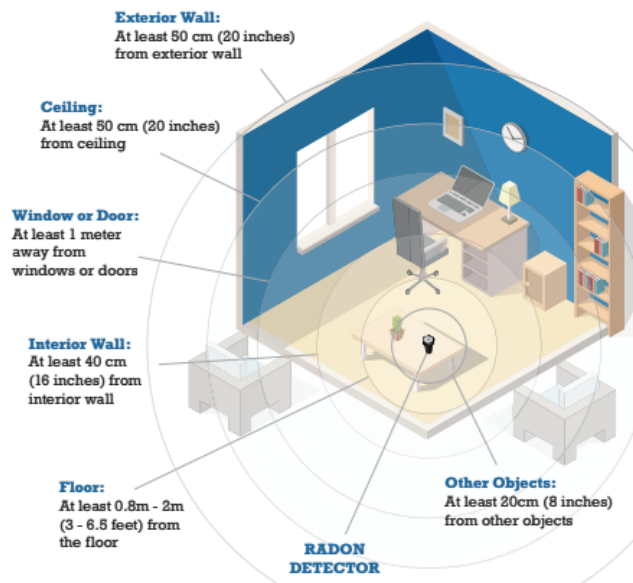


NEW! Bookmarks and postcards in Tagalog, Punjabi, and Chinese!

AND

New image for placement instructions in French and English!

Detector Placement: Minimum Distance From Room Features



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ਆਪਣੀ ਸਹਿਤ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਕਰਨਾ ਇੰਨਾ ਸੌਖਾ ਹੈ...

1. ਟੈਸਟ ਕਰੋ
2. ਨਤੀਜਾ ਵੇਖੋ
3. ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰੋ

ਰੇਡਨ ਦਾ ਖਾਤਮਾ ਕਰਨਾ

ਇਹ ਪਤਾ ਲਗਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕੀ ਰੇਡਨ ਟੈਸਟ ਕੌਂਟਾਂ ਕੱਢੋ ਖਰੀਦੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਜਾਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਵਚਿ ਇਕ C-NRPP ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣਤ ਰੇਡਨ ਪੇਸ਼ੇਵਰ ਲੱਭਣ ਲਈ, ਇਥੇ ਜਾਓ।

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RADON ANG NANGUNGUNANG DAHLAN NG CANCER SA BAGA PARA SA MGA TAGONG HINDI NANGHISARILYO

Suriin kung may radon ang inyong tahanan at bawasan ang panganib sa masamang epekto nito.

Maglagay ng pansuri sa inyong tahanan sa loob ng 91 araw

91 araw pagkatapos ng 91 araw, ibalik ang pansuri sa lab at kunin ang inyong mga resulta.

Umaksyon sa Radon

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ਆਪਣੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਵਚਿ ਰੇਡਨ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰੋ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਜੋਖਮ ਨੂੰ ਘਟਾਓ।

ਟੈਸਟ ਕਰਨਾ ਸੌਖਾ ਹੈ ਹੈ। ਇਕ ਟੈਸਟ ਇਥੋਂ ਖਰੀਦੋ: takeactionradon.ca/test/radon-test-kits/

ਟੈਸਟ ਕਰੋ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਘਰ ਵਚਿ 91 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਤਲੀ ਰੱਖੋ

91 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ, ਟੈਸਟ ਵਚਿ ਟੈਸਟ ਕੌਂਟ ਨੂੰ ਵਾਪਸ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਕਾਚਿ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਤੀਜੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰੋ।

ਰੇਡਨ ਦਾ ਖਾਤਮਾ ਕਰਨਾ

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氡是导致非吸烟者患上肺癌的主要原因

在家中检测氡含量，降低您的风险

检测很容易! 检测盒购买链接: takeactionradon.ca/test/radon-test-kits/

将检测盒置于家中91天

91天后，将检测盒送到实验室并获取检测结果。

对氡采取行动

www.TakeActionOnRadon.ca





Take Action on Radon - ASK AN EXPERT NATIONAL WEBINAR:

- November 19, 2020 - english
- November 20, 2020 - french
- 1pm Eastern



Canadians will be able to submit questions ahead of time and we will have a prize draw for attendees.



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Canadian Cancer Society Social Media:

Sept. 11 @ 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 17 @ 9 a.m.

coming up...

Nov. 1 @ 11 a.m.

Watch for them and share.



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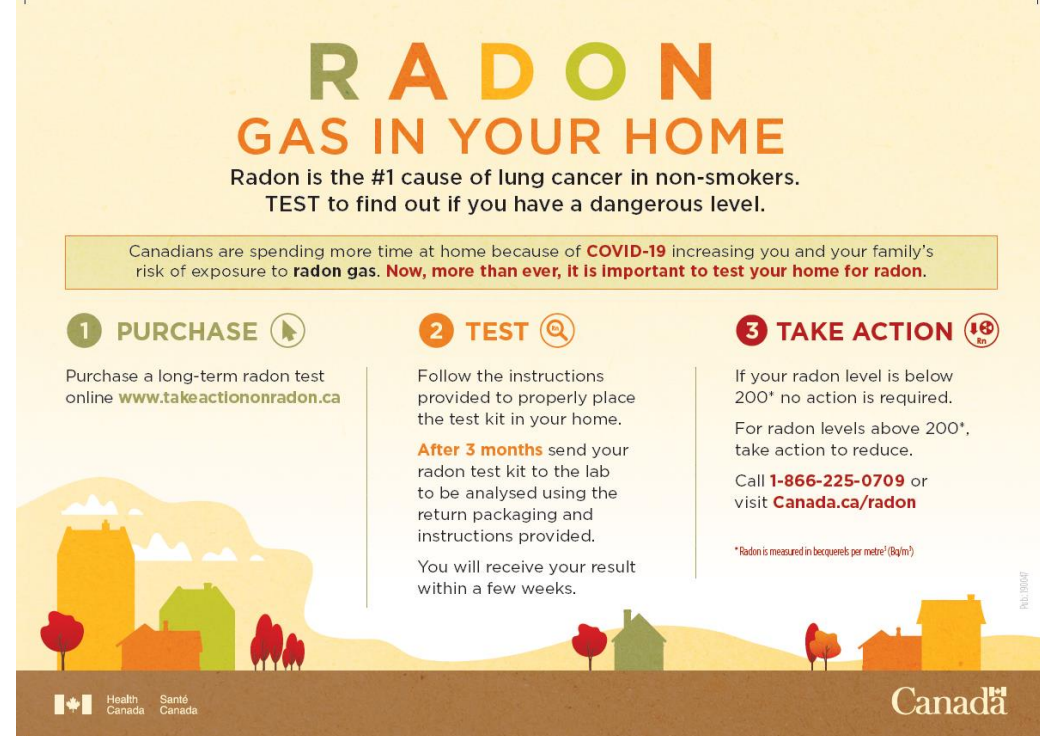
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Health Canada Updates:

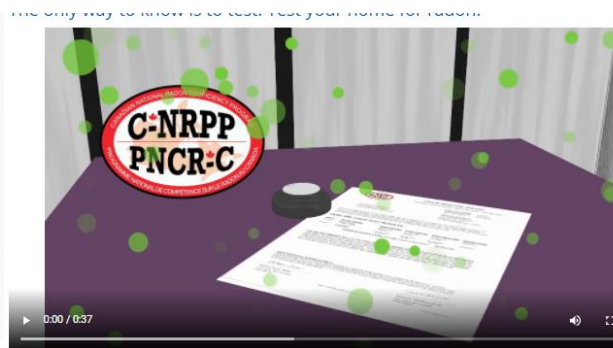
- Distributing 1.5 million postcards in November to various postal codes across Canada
- Watch for posts on social media
- Pushing out press releases in November
- Developing decision tree infographic
- Developing simple infographic on where to place a radon test



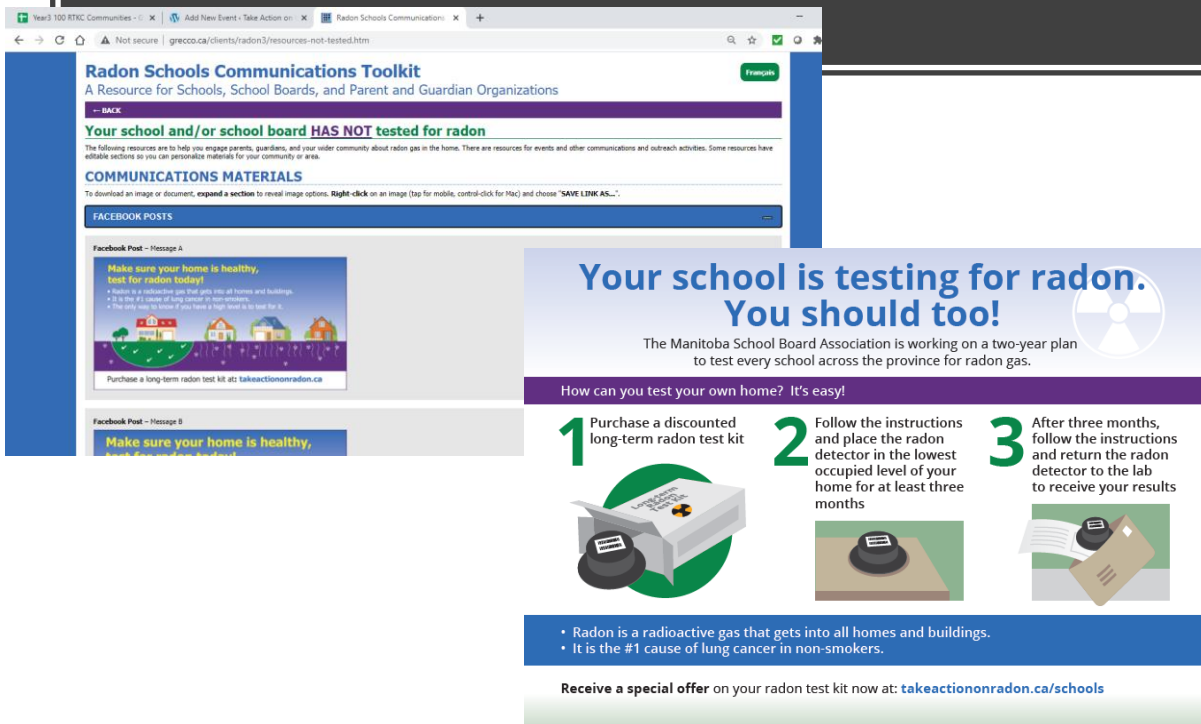
Also watch for these great videos. **Take Action on Radon** will be sharing them on our social media channels in November.

@ActionOnRadon

<https://www.facebook.com/TakeActiononRadon>



Scout Environmental Projects



The screenshot shows the 'Radon Schools Communications Toolkit' website. The main heading is 'Your school and/or school board HAS NOT tested for radon'. Below this, there are sections for 'COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS' and 'FACEBOOK POSTS'. A sample Facebook post is shown, titled 'Make sure your home is healthy, test for radon today!'. The post includes a list of reasons to test for radon and a link to purchase a long-term radon test kit. Below the Facebook post, there is a section titled 'Your school is testing for radon. You should too!'. This section includes a list of steps to test for radon at home and a link to purchase a discounted long-term radon test kit.

Radon Schools Communications Toolkit
A Resource for Schools, School Boards, and Parent and Guardian Organizations

Facebook Post - Message A

Make sure your home is healthy, test for radon today!

- Radon is a radioactive gas that gets into all homes and buildings.
- It is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.
- The only way to know if you have a high level is to test for it.

Purchase a long-term radon test kit at: takeactiononradon.ca

Facebook Post - Message B

Make sure your home is healthy, test for radon today!

Your school is testing for radon. You should too!

The Manitoba School Board Association is working on a two-year plan to test every school across the province for radon gas.

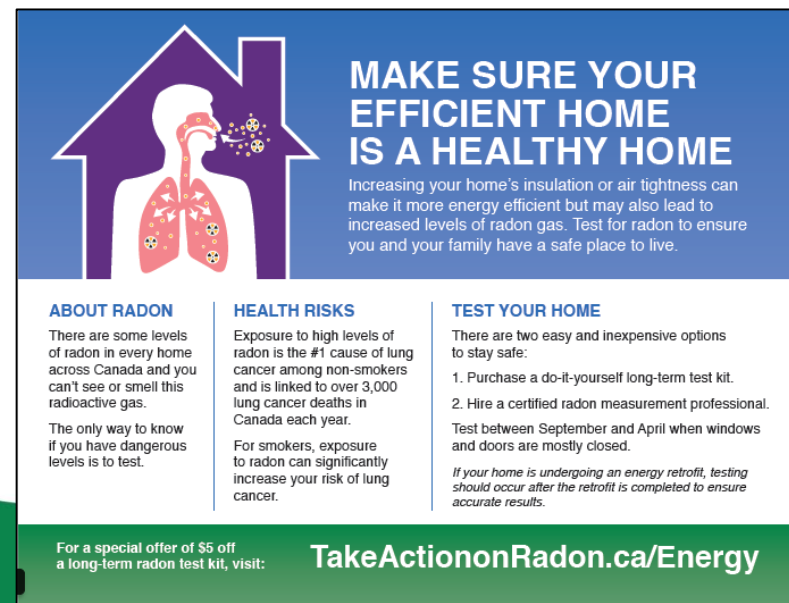
How can you test your own home? It's easy!

- 1** Purchase a discounted long-term radon test kit
- 2** Follow the instructions and place the radon detector in the lowest occupied level of your home for at least three months
- 3** After three months, follow the instructions and return the radon detector to the lab to receive your results

- Radon is a radioactive gas that gets into all homes and buildings.
- It is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Receive a special offer on your radon test kit now at: takeactiononradon.ca/schools

Scout Environmental is continuing their pilot project on radon and energy efficiency. Encouraging homeowners to consider radon as they increase the energy efficiency of their home. They are currently working with Nova Scotia Power and New Brunswick Power.



The infographic features a large house silhouette with a person inside, breathing in radon gas. The text 'MAKE SURE YOUR EFFICIENT HOME IS A HEALTHY HOME' is prominently displayed. Below this, it explains that increasing home insulation or air tightness can lead to increased radon levels. The infographic is divided into three main sections: 'ABOUT RADON', 'HEALTH RISKS', and 'TEST YOUR HOME'. Each section provides detailed information about radon, its health risks, and how to test for it. At the bottom, there is a call to action for a special offer on a long-term radon test kit, with a link to 'TakeActiononRadon.ca/Energy'.

MAKE SURE YOUR EFFICIENT HOME IS A HEALTHY HOME

Increasing your home's insulation or air tightness can make it more energy efficient but may also lead to increased levels of radon gas. Test for radon to ensure you and your family have a safe place to live.

ABOUT RADON

There are some levels of radon in every home across Canada and you can't see or smell this radioactive gas.

The only way to know if you have dangerous levels is to test.

HEALTH RISKS

Exposure to high levels of radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is linked to over 3,000 lung cancer deaths in Canada each year.

For smokers, exposure to radon can significantly increase your risk of lung cancer.

TEST YOUR HOME

There are two easy and inexpensive options to stay safe:

1. Purchase a do-it-yourself long-term test kit.
2. Hire a certified radon measurement professional.

Test between September and April when windows and doors are mostly closed.

If your home is undergoing an energy retrofit, testing should occur after the retrofit is completed to ensure accurate results.

For a special offer of \$5 off a long-term radon test kit, visit: TakeActiononRadon.ca/Energy

Check out the www.takeactiononradon.ca for Scout Environmental's School Resources. They will be live in November.

TAKE ACTION ON RADON



HELPING CANADIANS REDUCE RADON RISK

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Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless and colourless, radioactive gas that comes from the ground. Radon is in every home and type of building in Canada. Long-term exposure to high levels of radon increases the risk of developing lung cancer. According to Health Canada, radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.



YOU CAN PREVENT EXPOSURE TO HIGH RADON. TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH, TEST YOUR HOME FOR RADON.

TESTING FOR RADON

Testing for radon is simple and affordable: takeactiononradon.ca/test

- You can easily test your living space for radon with a DIY test kit (~\$60), or request your landlord to hire a professional to test
- Testing is recommended for 3 months (or 91 days) during the winter season or when doors and windows are typically closed
- Test kits are placed in your main living space, then mailed to a lab for analysis. The results are returned directly to you

REDUCING HIGH RADON LEVELS

Mitigating or reducing high radon levels can be quite relatively inexpensive: carst.ca/Mitigation-Systems

- The health risk from radon is long-term exposure. Canada recommends lowering high levels within 1-2 years
- A temporary fix to lower high levels is to open a window to increase air flow through the home
- A C-NRPP certified professional should be consulted to lower high radon levels – all homes can be fixed
- Health Canada recommends fixing homes with levels above 200 Bq/m3

TALKING TO YOUR LANDLORD

Ask your landlord if they have tested for radon in the past 5 years. Refer them to CARST.ca or takeactiononradon.ca if they are unfamiliar with radon. Let them know there are community campaigns and nationwide programs that support radon testing and mitigation rebates (see takeactiononradon.ca)

Most provinces and territories have tenancy legislation requiring landlords to ensure residences are fit for habitation and comply with health, safety, housing and maintenance standards – see CELA's report on radon law and policy.

LANDLORDS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RADON



Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless and colourless, radioactive gas that enters buildings through regular gaps in floors, pipes, and side walls.

Long-term exposure to high levels of radon increases the risk of developing lung cancer.

Similar to having smoke-detectors, testing and reducing high radon is part of providing a safe space for tenants. Reduce your liability and test your rentals for radon.

ALL HOMES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN CANADA HAVE SOME LEVEL OF RADON!

NEED TO KNOW:

- Testing for radon is simple with DIY or professional options.
- To test large commercial buildings with HVAC systems, consult a C-NRPP certified professional.
- All buildings with high levels can be lowered with mitigation.
- Mitigation systems can be installed quickly. Work should only be completed in consult by professionals with official C-NRPP certification.

RESOURCES

CARST: Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists	Hire a registered professional to test your building and mitigate high radon. Learn about mitigation systems and types of questions to ask a professional. Participate in educational seminars.	carst.ca/Mitigation-Systems
C-NRPP: Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program	Canada's certifying program for radon. Find a local certified professional or get certified.	c-nrpp.ca
TAOR: Take Action on Radon	Public health education campaign led by Health Canada, CARST, CAREX, the Canadian Cancer Society, and supported by health authorities and groups nationwide. Find a DIY test kit, learn about radon health effects, join community testing campaigns, or enter contests including rebates for mitigation.	takeactiononradon.ca
Government of Canada - Health Canada	Access videos, factsheets, materials to share, and a list of additional resources.	canada.ca What you need to know
CELA: Canadian Environmental Law Association	Find reports of radon law and policy, as well as advocacy campaigns for policy changes and homeowner rebates	cela.ca/radon
WHO: World Health Organization	Learn about the WHO recommendations for policies to prevent and mitigate residential radon exposure	who.int/ionizing_radiation/env/radon

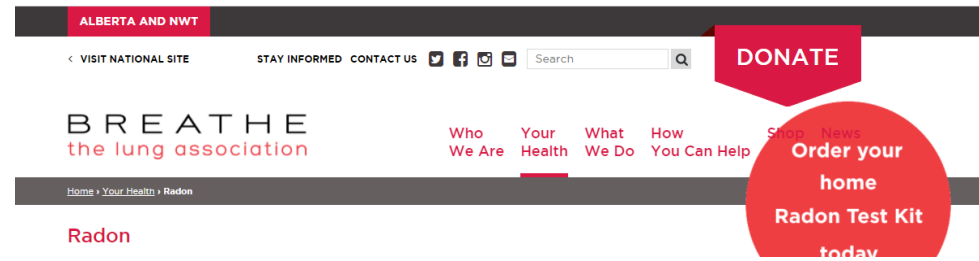
- Infograph for Landlords and Tenants
- Applying for RAM Proclamations
- Policy Advocacy



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As always, the Lung Associations across the country are doing some great efforts again this year. Here is a quick summary of their efforts regionally.

Manitoba: letter to ministers with specific radon related requests; advocating for low-income initiatives

Saskatchewan: Tackle Radon program will be engaging with Manitoba and Saskatchewan residents through social media, webinars and interviews with their celebrity football players.

BC Lung: letter to ministers with specific radon related requests; advocating for low-income initiatives

Caring Breaths program has now added Radon Mitigation as a funding option for those who can't afford radon mitigation, making it the first program in Canada to provide funding to those who can't afford it!
<https://www.lungsask.ca/caring-breaths-financial-assistance-program-0#:~:text=Breathing%20is%20what%20unites%20and,sponsored%20by%20Conexus%20Credit%20Union.>

Alberta: radio ads; social media posts; supporting more library lending programs



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Radon Across the Country:



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Coronavirus (COVID-19)
12 MARS AU 31 MAI 2020
Prenez connaissance des derniers développements.

Ville de Sherbrooke

Services aux citoyens | Culture, sports et loisirs | Vie municipale

accueil • services aux citoyens • subventions et aide financière • programmes d'aide à la rénovation

Programmes d'aide à la rénovation

Plusieurs programmes d'aide à la rénovation vous sont offerts.

Programme d'adaptation de domicile pour personnes handicapées | Programme d'aide à la rénovation de locaux et de façades commerciales

Programmes incitatifs pour le centre-ville | Programme Rénovation Québec

Programme d'adaptation de domicile pour personnes handicapées

Vous avez des questions relativement au Programme d'adaptation de domicile pour les personnes handicapées? Communiquez avec nous par courriel ou au 819 823-8000, poste 5427. Pour de plus amples renseignements, consultez le site Web de la Société d'habitation du Québec.

Programme d'aide à la rénovation de locaux et de façades commerciales

Vous êtes propriétaire d'un immeuble? S'il est situé dans l'un des secteurs ci-dessous, il pourrait être admissible à l'un ou l'autre des programmes suivants d'aide à la rénovation.

Services aux citoyens

- Subventions et aide financière
- Fonds du sport et du loisir sherbrookoise
- Programmes d'aide à la rénovation
- Rabais accessibilité
- Soutien financier pour valoriser l'art du graffiti
- Subvention pour aînés relative à une hausse de taxes municipales

<https://www.sherbrooke.ca/fr/services-aux-citoyens/subventions-et-aide-financiere/programmes-d-aide-a-la-renovation#centreville>



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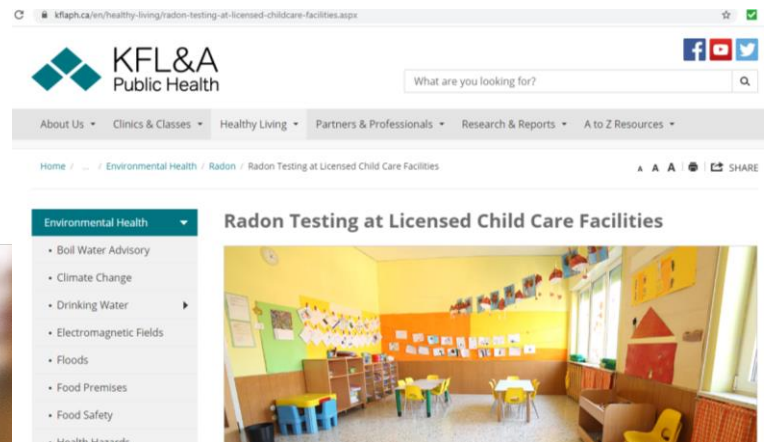


Radon Testing Initiative in Kingston Social Housing

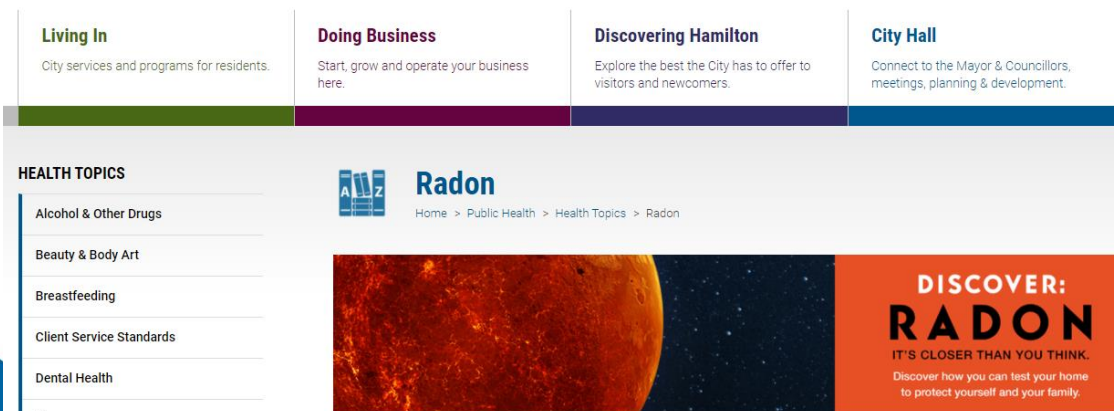


KFL&A Public Health and the City of Kingston Housing & Social Services Department, with support from Health Canada, are sampling radon levels in basement and ground-level social housing units in the City of Kingston and Frontenac County.

<https://www.kflaph.ca/en/healthy-living/radon.aspx>



<https://www.york.ca/>



<https://www.hamilton.ca/public-health/health-topics/radon>



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Ontario Home Warranty

<https://www.tarion.com/homeowners/your-warranty-coverage/radon-and-your-warranty>

Within the first 7 years, if radon gas within a home exceeds Health Canada's acceptable levels of $200\text{Bq}/\text{m}^3$, then **Tarion will cover the costs required to mitigate a home up to a limit of \$15,000 using a C-NRPP Mitigation professional.**

Process of Making a Claim

In order for radon claims to be accepted, the homeowner must supply test results showing test was conducting properly.

An Outline of Your Warranty

- One Year Warranty and Process
- Two Year Warranty and Process
- Seven Year Warranty and Process
- When can I submit a warranty form?
- Radon and Your Warranty**
- Condominium Common Elements
- Residential Condominium Conversions
- Warranty Exceptions
- Items/Deficiencies Not Covered
- Construction Performance Guidelines
- How to Appeal a Tarion Decision?
- Office of the Ombudsperson

Radon And Your Warranty

Radon is an invisible, odourless, naturally occurring gas found in soil. It seeps into homes through cracks in floors, walls and foundations – access points mainly found in basements. Since radon is naturally occurring, it's found in just about every home.

However, high concentrations of radon in a home may pose health risks. Health Canada says that people exposed to radon levels in excess of 200 Becquerels per cubic metre (becquerels are a unit of measurement for radioactivity) over long periods of time have a higher risk of developing cancer.

The good news is that the new home warranty in Ontario, provided by your builder and administered by Tarion, provides coverage if excessive radon levels are found in your home.

Ontario is the only jurisdiction in Canada where the builders' warranty on new homes includes radon remediation coverage. The warranty covers remediation of radon gas in excess of 200 Becquerels per cubic metre and coverage lasts for up to seven years.

Testing Your Home for Radon

If you are concerned, there are two ways to test for radon: Buy a do-it-yourself radon testing kit or hire a radon measurement or mitigation professional. Both options must be certified through the

Radon and Your New Home

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT RADON?

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1 in 6 homes we have tested across Canada have dangerously high radon gas

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Current Research:

- Consumer Device Intercomparison project
- Passive Device intercomparison project (similar to PHE)
- Passive Device – placement location research

