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Make Your Home Safer: Test for Radon This Month

Tests are affordable, easy to do yourself, and can detect dangerous radon in homes

EAU CLAIRE – January 5, 2026 – During the month of January, which is National Radon Action Month, community members can purchase a home radon test kit at a discount at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. among people who don't smoke, and the [second leading cause of lung cancer](#) overall. Lung cancer caused by radon can be prevented! Test your home for radon to find out if you're at risk – it's strongly recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Surgeon General. Radon test kits are inexpensive, easy to use, and can be purchased at the Health Department, home improvement stores, and online.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the soil beneath and around some homes. **Roughly 1 in 10 Wisconsin homes have radon levels higher than the EPA's guideline of 4 picocuries per liter.** If your home has radon levels above 4pCi/L, it increases your risk of developing lung cancer.

Radon has no smell, taste, or color. Radon is found in both new and old homes, and in homes with and without basements. It's impossible to detect radon without testing for it.

"Any home, school, or building can have high radon levels," says Elizabeth Paulson, Environmental Health Specialist at the Health Department. "We're hoping community members stop by our office to pick up a radon test kit for their homes – this month you can get a test kit for \$9, using our \$2 off coupon."

How to test your home for radon:




- Buy a test kit from the Health Department, located on the ground floor of the Eau Claire County Courthouse, 720 2nd Ave.
 - People who purchase a short-term radon test kit at the Health Department office during the month of January will get a coupon for \$2 off the kit.
- If you buy a radon test kit elsewhere, make sure you buy a test kit approved by the [U.S. EPA](#).
- If you find elevated radon levels in your home, a contractor can be hired for radon mitigation for a reasonable cost. Only hire trained and certified contractors.
 - Find a list of local, certified measurement and mitigation contractors at www.lowradon.org.
- For more information on radon and testing, call the Health Department at 715-839-4718 or visit our website: radon.echealthdepartment.org.



**YOU CAN'T SEE IT, TASTE IT, OR SMELL IT,
BUT RADON GAS CAN CAUSE LUNG
CANCER- AND IT COULD BE IN YOUR HOME.**

Test your home for radon.

In the past two years, have you tested your home for radon?

-  Radon is found in all kinds of homes — new, old, and in homes with or without basements.
-  **4 out of 10 homes in Eau Claire County** have high radon levels. If a home has high radon levels, it increases the risk of lung cancer.
-  Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.

Get \$2 off an \$11 short-term radon test at the Health Department by mentioning this coupon!

Radon test kits are inexpensive and easy to use!

- 1 Unpack your kit.**
Your kit comes with; instructions, an information form for you to fill out, a radon tester, and an envelope.
- 2 Place the test.**
Set the tester in a central room on the lowest lived-in level of your home (check instructions for more information on placing the tester). Leave the tester out for 48 to 96 hours.
- 3 Seal in envelope & drop in mail.**
After 48 to 96 hours, put the tester in your envelope that came with your kit. Drop it in the mail. You should get results mailed to you within a few weeks.



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