

I've Mitigated for Radon – Now What?

Radon Tipsheet #13



Having an air and/or water mitigation system does not mean that your home will be safe from radon forever. Make sure your mitigation systems are working to lower the radon levels in your home.



Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer in Maine – be safe and re-test every 2 years.

Radon in Air

Re-test the air in your home every two years to make sure your radon system is keeping your radon levels low.

- Check your system every day. Find the U-shaped tube on the side of your radon pipe with colored fluid in it. Make sure the fluid level in one leg of the “U” is higher than the other.
 - If the fluid levels stay the same, your system's fan is working. Even if your fan is working, your radon levels may not be low.
 - If your fluid levels change, call the company that put in your system or the number below.

Home renovations and repairs can change how your radon air mitigation system works.

- Re-test for radon in your home's air after any changes to your home's structure, including:
 - Replacing windows
 - Fixing the roof
 - Putting in a new heating system
 - Building an addition or an attached garage
- For more information on radon air mitigation see Radon Tipsheet #6.

Radon in Water

Re-test your water for radon every two years to make sure your radon system is keeping your radon levels low.

- If you have an aeration system, it should be cleaned and checked at least once a year, and serviced as needed.
- If you have a Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) system, the charcoal will need to be replaced once in a while. Check your system's paperwork for the proper schedule.
- For more information on radon water mitigation see Radon Tipsheet #7.

Radon in Real Estate

When buying or selling a home with a radon air and/or water mitigation system, results of radon tests should be made available to the buyer.

- If the radon test results are more than two years old, the home should be re-tested.
- Continue to re-test every two years to make sure the system(s) is working.
- For more information on radon mitigation and real estate see Radon Tipsheet #3 and Radon Tipsheet #5.

Radon can increase your risk of lung cancer.

Protect your family. Learn. Test. Treat if needed.

- Check this website: www.MaineRadiationControl.org
- For advice: 1-800-232-0842 • radon.dhhs@maine.gov • TTY: Call Maine Relay 711

