



**Radon Action  
Month Toolkit**

**January  
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## January is Radon Action Month

Radon is a colorless, tasteless, and odorless gas that can cause lung cancer. Radon can be present at dangerous levels inside homes, schools, and other buildings. Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, after smoking and the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers. Radon-related lung cancers are responsible for an estimated 21,000 deaths annually in the United States. Studies have shown that 33% of the homes tested in Wyoming have elevated levels of radon. According to the CDC, having the home tested is the only effective way to determine whether there is a risk of exposure to high levels of radon. Environmental Protection Agency's action level for mitigation is 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter). Any home or building with a radon level at or above 4.0 pCi/L should be fixed (mitigated).

## Radio Ads

Did you know that radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers? And that some parts of <<county>> have elevated radon levels? Radon is a naturally occurring gas that can build up to a dangerous level in your home. The Wyoming Cancer Resource Program is reminding you to check the radon levels in your home. It's a simple test and will show you if your home has elevated radon levels. Test kits are available for \$7 or 2 kits for \$12. For more information or to order your kit call <<WCRS phone number>>. Wyoming Cancer Resource Services is funded by the Wyoming Department of Health.

## Social Media Posts

Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas. You can't see, smell, or taste radon, but it may be a problem in your home. Exposure to radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. after smoking and is the leading cause of #LungCancer in non-smokers. Get your home tested: [health.wyo.gov/radon](http://health.wyo.gov/radon).

The only way to know to know if you're being exposed to radon in your home is to test for it. Contact the Wyoming Radon Program at 307.777.6015 to order a test kit. Visit [health.wyo.gov/radon](http://health.wyo.gov/radon) to learn more.

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The Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Surgeon General, and the Wyoming Department of Health recommend all homes be tested for radon. Testing is easy and inexpensive. To order your radon test kit, call the Wyoming Radon Program at 307.777.6015. To learn more, visit [health.wyo.gov/radon](http://health.wyo.gov/radon).

If your home tests higher than 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter) for radon, contact a certified radon specialist to correct the issue. For more information call 307.777.6015 or visit [health.wyo.gov/radon](http://health.wyo.gov/radon).



# What you should know about radon

Radon is an odorless, colorless, naturally occurring gas that can cause lung cancer with long-term exposure. The highest levels of radon are found in the lowest level of a house. If your house has a radon level over 4.0 pCi/L, fix it!



## TEST YOUR HOME

The Wyoming Cancer Program offers short-term home radon test kits for purchase. Each test is \$7 for one or \$12 for two kits. The radon test kits cover roughly 2,000 square feet and should be placed in the lowest, regularly used level of your home. To order a kit, contact the Wyoming Radon Program at 307.777.6015.



## FIX HIGH RADON LEVELS

Testing your house for radon is the easiest and fastest way to see if you have high radon levels. If you have a high level of radon, a radon mitigation system has to be installed in your house in order to reduce your exposure to radon. A certified professional can install the system, or you can do it yourself. Fixing high radon levels can save lives.

Questions about radon?  
Visit [www.health.wyo.gov/radon](http://www.health.wyo.gov/radon)

