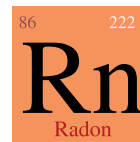


HEALTH EDUCATION



January is National Radon Action Awareness Month



Learn about Risk From Radon

You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America and claims the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year. In fact, the EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes, schools and other buildings for radon.

Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk and testing radon levels in your home can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take steps to fix the problem to protect yourself and your family.

Five Things You Can Do During National Radon Action Month

1. **Test your home** – EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General recommend that all homes in the U.S. be tested for radon. Testing is easy and inexpensive.
 - Learn more about testing your home, including how to obtain an easy-to-use test kit.
 - If you live in a town covered by the Bernards Township Health Department, [get a free radon test kit](#)! Call 908-204-2520 for more information.
2. **Attend a National Radon Action Month event in your area** – Look for radon events in your community.
3. **Spread the word**
4. **Spend time during National Radon Action Month encouraging others to learn about radon and test their homes.**
 - Tell your family and friends about the health risk of radon. Encourage them to test their homes.
 - Plan an activity in your community to help raise awareness.
 - Write an op-ed or letter to the editor using samples from the event planning resources.
 - Attract media attention by working with a local official to get a radon proclamation.
 - View EPA's free radon publications.
5. **Buy a radon-resistant home** – Read more about radon-resistant new construction, "Building Radon Out: A Step-by-Step Guide to Build Radon-Resistant Homes" (PDF).
 - **Build Green: It's Easy to Build New Homes Radon-Resistant ...** "The good news is you can build your customers a safer, healthier, radon-resistant home. The techniques to prevent radon from entering a home are practical and straightforward for any builder. It's an inexpensive way to offer families a benefit that could reduce their risk of lung cancer. And it's a smart way to build trust between you and your customer." Fuad Reveiz, Member of the National Association of Home Builders

For more information – visit the [EPA Website -Radon](#), [CDC - Radon](#), [NEEF - Radon](#), [ALA - Radon](#)