

Should I Test For Radon?

Yes. Testing is the only way to know your home's radon level. There are no immediate symptoms that will alert you to the presence of radon. An elevated level of radon is defined as a level which is at or above 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter) of air in any given room. About thirty-three percent of homes across Wyoming have an elevated radon level of 4.0 pCi/L or higher.

You may have elevated levels of radon even if other homes in the your neighborhood do not have elevated levels of radon. Testing your home is easy, inexpensive and only takes a few minutes of your time to place the test kits. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Wyoming is classified as Zone 1, which is the highest potential of having elevated levels in your home.

How Do I Test For Radon?

You can test for radon yourself or have a professional test your home for radon. If you test for radon yourself, there are two types of tests: Short-term and Long-term. A short-term test should be used first. This test is conducted for 3 to 7 days. Depending on the result of your test, you may need to do a long-term test. A long-term test will run from 91 to 365 days.

Radon is linked to Lung Cancer

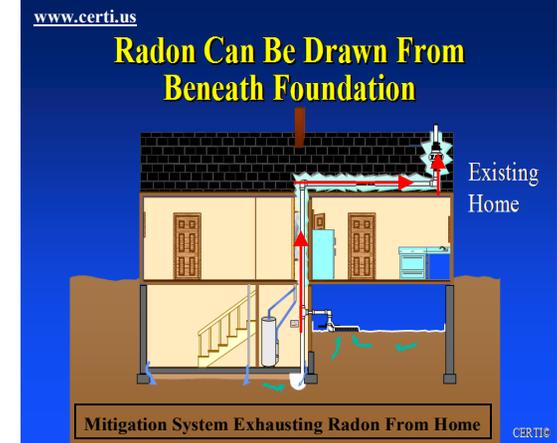
What level of Radon do you have in your home?

100 pCi/L 1.25 pCi/L ?

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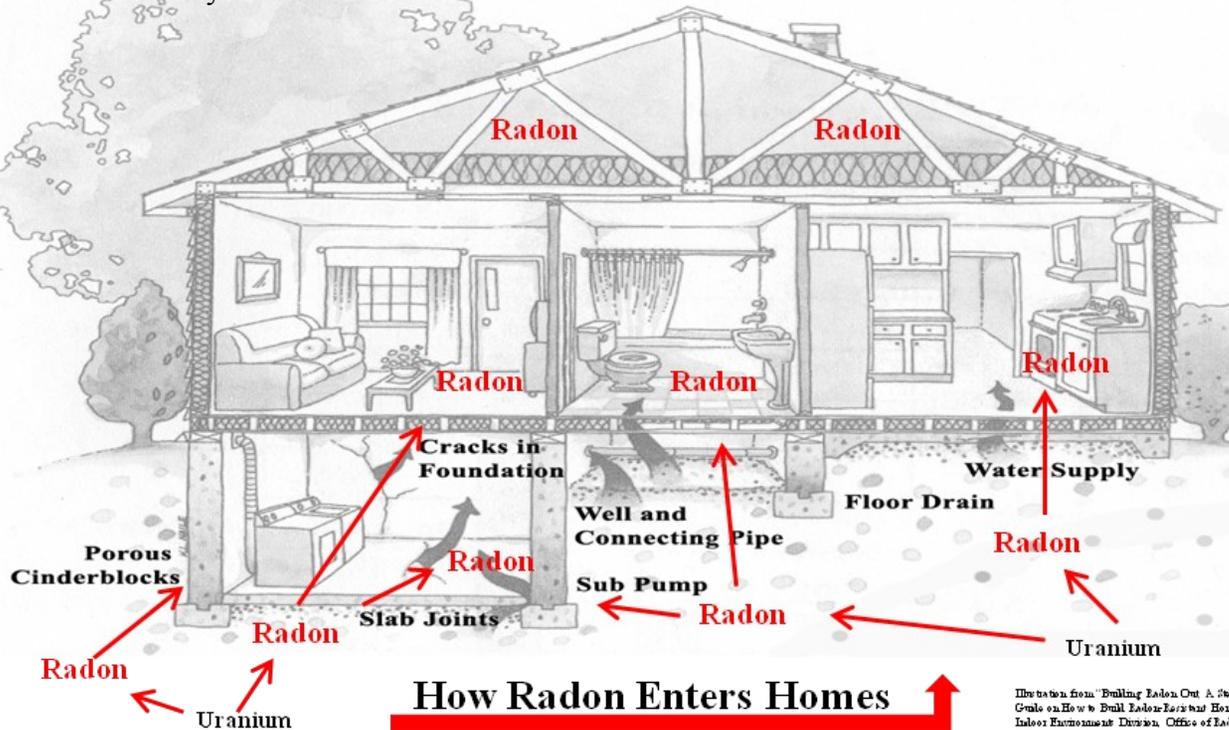
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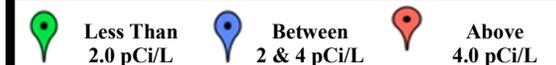
Yes. If your home has an elevated level of radon you can reduce it by installing a radon mitigation system. Any radon level in any home can be mitigated to an acceptable level.

To locate a professional who has been properly trained as a radon mitigator, call the Wyoming Radon Program at (307) 777-6015 or visit the Wyoming radon website

www.wyomingradon.org

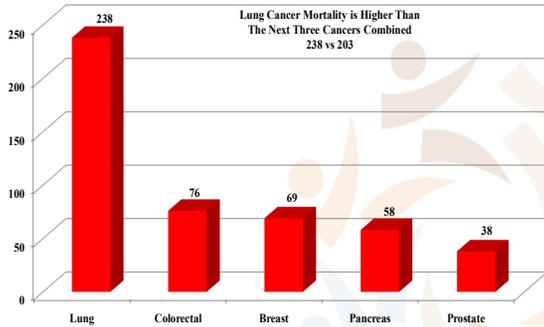


Levels of Radon Throughout Wyoming



Courtesy of www.radon.com

Wyoming Cancer Mortality



Statistics are from the 2009 Cancer Report

Many areas in Wyoming have been identified as having elevated levels of radon. A radon test is the only way to determine the radon level in your home.

The E.P.A. recommends fixing any home with radon levels greater than 4.0 pCi/l. According to the E.P.A., at this level, seven of every 1,000 people (non-smokers) and 62 of every 1,000 (smokers) could develop lung cancer after living in a home for many years.

Not everyone exposed to elevated levels of radon will develop lung cancer. However, the higher the radon level, the greater the risk people have of developing lung cancer.

What Level of Radon Is In Your Home?



Keep Your Family Safe



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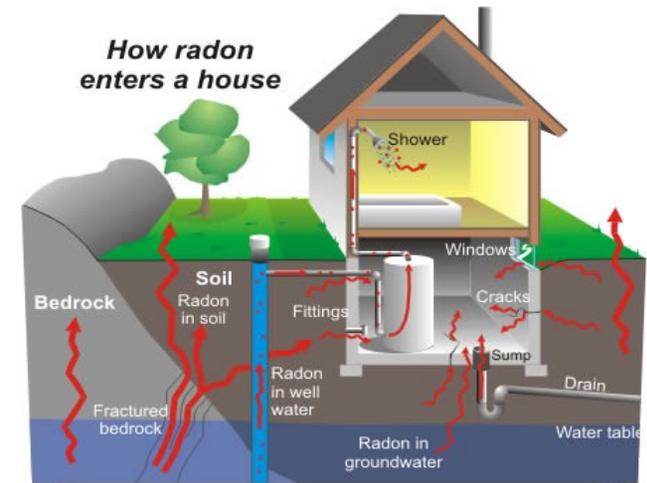
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What is Radon?



Radon is a radioactive gas. It comes from the natural decay of uranium found in nearly all soils. It moves up through the ground to the air above and into your home through the cracks and other holes in the foundation. Your home traps radon inside, where it can build up to elevated levels (4.0 pCi/L or higher). Any home may have a radon problem. This means new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements. Radon from soil gas is the main cause of radon problems. You cannot see, smell, taste, feel or hear radon. You must test for radon to determine the radon level in your home.

Exposure to radon can independently increase your risk of developing lung cancer and is particularly true among those who smoke. It typically takes years of exposure to radon before any symptoms of lung cancer develop. According to the U.S. EPA radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer.