

FREE

Home Radon Test Kits

Available at Biological Services, courtesy of Inter-Tribal Council. Pick one up today!



Research shows that the air within homes and buildings can be more polluted than outdoor air. The average person spends approximately 90% of their time indoors. A potential indoor air pollutant of concern is radon.

What is Radon?

Radon is a colorless and odorless radioactive gas. It is formed during the breakdown of uranium, which is found in nearly all soils and rock. Radon ranks among the most serious environmental health problems facing our nation today.

TO USE: Follow instructions on the package. Place kit in the living space for 3-7 days (away from doors, windows, or vents). After those days, immediately mail sample to the testing facility. Results will be sent to you shortly after.

How does radon get indoors?

High levels of radon in the soil are primarily responsible for indoor radon problems. Radon seeps into homes through gaps or cracks in the foundation floor or walls, sump pits, drains or other openings. Once confined in an enclosed space such as a home, it can accumulate to unhealthy levels.

What are the health risks?

The United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that residential radon exposure is responsible for 7,000 to 30,000 lung cancer deaths per year. The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths. If you smoke and your home has an elevated radon level, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

How do you find out if radon is a problem in your home?

Data indicates that in Chippewa County 12% of the homes will have elevated radon levels. Since radon is odorless and invisible, the only way to know if your home has a radon problem is to test for it. Do-it-yourself test kits are accurate and readily available at most hardware and home improvement stores.

What can you do if your home has a radon problem?

A variety of methods are used to reduce radon levels in homes. The average house costs about \$1,200 to fix, although repairs can range from about \$500 to \$2500. Contact Inter-Tribal Council for more information.

