

TESTING FOR RADON

You should test for radon.

Testing is the only way to find out your home's radon levels. EPA and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes.

Testing is easy and inexpensive. Just because your neighbor has low levels of radon doesn't mean you do too. The only way to know for sure is to test.

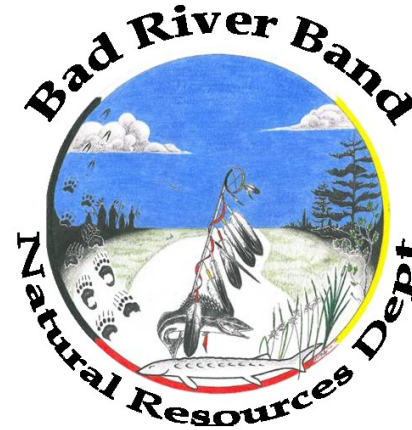
Bad River Natural Resources has an Indoor Radon Program and offers free testing services to tribal members. If you are in need of testing or have questions please contact Daniel Wiggins, Air Quality Technician at 715-682-7123, extension 1553 or email at Air1@badriver-nsn.gov.



DON'T STRESS JUST TEST YOUR HOME FOR RADON



Radon Testing Kits



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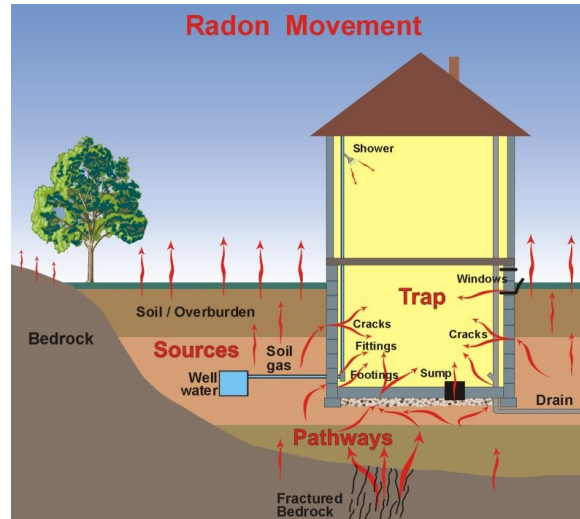
**SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING:
Radon causes lung cancer.**

RADON FACTS

The EPA estimates that 1 out of every 15 homes have elevated levels of radon gas. Radon is the main source of human exposure to all radiation. It is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that results from the decay of uranium, and can be found in soil, rock and water.

You cannot see radon.

You cannot smell it or taste it, but it may be a problem in your home. That is because when you breathe air containing radon, you increase your risk of getting lung cancer. The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.



RADON ENTRY

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas produced by the breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water. Air pressure inside your home is usually lower than pressure in the soil around your home's foundation. Because of this difference in pressure, your house acts like a vacuum, drawing radon in through foundation cracks and other openings. Radon may also be present in well water and can be released into the air in your home when water is used for showering and other household uses. In most cases, radon entering the home through water is a small risk compared with radon entering your home from the soil.

HEALTH EFFECTS

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in America behind tobacco smoke. It claims nearly 20,000 lives annually.

While radon gas infiltrates the home it is capable of attaching to dust particles that are most likely breathed in. Once inside the body the radon decay particles can attach to the lungs airways, where it then can change the body's DNA and start cancer. Lung cancer is the only health effect which has been definitively linked with radon exposure and will usually occur 5-25 years after the time of exposure. No other respiratory ailments have been

