

County of Door PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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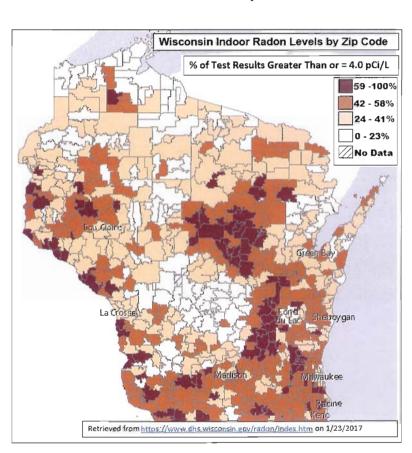
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January is National Radon Action Month



January is National Radon Action Month and the Door County Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Health And Family Services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, are encouraging everyone in Door County to learn more about radon and how to protect you and your family from being exposed to it.

Radon is a radioactive and odorless gas that comes from trace amounts of natural uranium in the ground. Radon seeps through cracks and openings in the basement and foundation of homes. Breathing indoor air with high level of radon can lead to lung cancer. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, after smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers.

Five to ten percent of the homes in Wisconsin have elevated radon levels on the main floor. Systems can be installed to reduce radon levels. The EPA recommends

that you fix your home if your radon level is found to be 4 picocuries per liter or higher. Radon levels less than 4 pCi/L still pose a risk and in many cases can be reduced. Homes with high levels are found in all regions of Wisconsin, including Door County. The levels can vary greatly within neighborhoods, so everyone should test their home.

Testing your home for radon is easy and inexpensive. To obtain a low cost test kit, please contact the State of Wisconsin Regional Radon Information Center at (920) 683-4454. For information on local radon levels by zip code, how to test, the health risk, and how to reduce radon in a house, look at the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services website at www.lowradon.org

Northeast Wisconsin Radon Information Center



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Radon Test Kit Order Form (Mail Order)

Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive. The Manitowoc County Health Department is offering short term radon test kits to the public for \$5 and long term test kits for \$17, if picked up at the Manitowoc County Health Department. Analysis is included in this price. To obtain a test kit, just stop in at the Health Department or complete the order form below and return to the Manitowoc County Health Department.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM INFORMATION BELOW:

Name:			
Address:		<u>_</u>	
City:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Phone Number:			

	Quantity	Price	Total
Short Term Test Kit		\$7.50	
Long Term Test Kit		\$19.50	

(Prices include Wisconsin sales tax and shipping cost)

Please return the order form with payment (check) to:

Manitowoc County Health Department 1028 S 9TH ST Manitowoc WI 54220

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MANITOWOC COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT