

# RADON IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER FOR NONSMOKERS



Your house may be located in a **HIGH RADON POTENTIAL AREA** where many of the homes that have been tested for **Radon** found elevated levels of **Radon**.

**TESTING IS THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW IF YOU'VE GOT RADON!**

## What is Radon?

**RADON** is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas that is colorless, odorless and tasteless. It is produced from the natural decay of uranium in the earth and gets into homes and buildings through cracks in the foundation, construction joints, gaps around pipes and cavities inside walls.

## What type of houses are affected?

**RADON** can enter any home, old or new, large or small. Two neighboring houses can have totally different radon levels. **ANY BUILDING WITH CONTACT TO THE GROUND HAS A RADON POTENTIAL.**

## Why be concerned?

**RADON** is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon causes more than 20,000 Americans to die from lung cancer every year. Smokers are at an even higher risk of developing lung cancer when exposed to elevated radon levels.

Radon kills more people every year than drunk driving, falls in the home, drownings or home fires.

The U.S. Surgeon General, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Nevada State Health Division and University of Nevada Cooperative Extension recommend that all homes be tested for radon.

## How and when do you test?

**RADON** testing takes about three days and winter is the perfect time to test your home for radon, as windows and outside doors should be closed while testing. The kit includes a radon test device, instructions, a postage-paid return mailer and the lab report.

## Where can you get a Radon test kit?

**RADON** test kits are free for Washoe, Douglas and Carson City residents for a limited time, offered by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE). The Nevada Tahoe Conservation District (NTCD) is helping UNCE distribute free radon test kits to Nevada residents\* in the Lake Tahoe area. Test kits are available from NTCD Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Ph. 775-586-1610)

## FREE RADON TEST KIT COUPON

for residents of **Douglas County** for a limited time.

For a free radon test kit, bring this coupon to **Nevada Tahoe Conservation District**, 400 Dorla Ct., Zephyr Cove; or **Douglas County Cooperative Extension**, 1329 Waterloo, Gardnerville.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Call **1-888-RADON10** for other Cooperative Extension office locations offering low cost **RADON** test kits.



**Got RADON?**

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For more information, call the

**Radon Hot Line**  
**1-888-RADON10**

or visit the **Nevada Radon Web site** at

**[www.unce.unr.edu/radon](http://www.unce.unr.edu/radon)**

\*California residents: Eldorado County Environmental Management Department offers radon test kits for California residents. Call (530) 573-3450 for more information.



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