

Learn About Risk From Radon

You can't see, smell, or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America and claims the lives of about 20,000 Americans each year. In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Surgeon General urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes, schools, and other buildings for radon. Exposure to radon is a preventable [health risk](#), and testing radon levels in your home can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take steps to fix the problem to protect yourself and your family.

Take Action in January

EPA has designated January as National Radon Action Month.

Things You Can Do During National Radon Action Month

1. **Test your home** – EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General recommend that all homes in the U.S. be tested for radon. Testing is easy. Contact to Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department to obtain an easy-to-use test kit.
2. **Spread the word** – Spend time during National Radon Action Month encouraging others to learn about radon and test their homes. Tell your family and friends about the [health risk](#) of radon. Encourage them to test their homes.
3. **Buy a radon-resistant home** – If you are considering buying a new home, look for builders who use [radon-resistant new construction](#). The Health Department has a free helpful brochure on Radon Resistant Construction. Call 419-774-4520.

Contact the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department to learn more about test kits. For more information, call the National Radon Information Line: 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236).