## **National Radon Action Month**

January is National Radon Action Month. This national awareness campaign highlights the dangers of having radon in your home and provides guidance for protecting yourself and your family.

## **Did you know?**

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that can enter your home through cracks in walls, foundations, floors and other openings. Radon is responsible for 21,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. Radon is tasteless, colorless and odorless. You **can** protect yourself from the dangers of radon.

## Here are five things you can do to reduce the risk of radon in your home:



1. Test your home. If your home has never been tested, has been recently renovated or hasn't been tested in the last two years, it's time to test your home. Radon testing is easy, inexpensive and you can do it yourself.



**3. Build a radon-resistant home.** If you're building a new home, consider adding



**2. Install a radon mitigation** system. If testing reveals high levels of radon, you can install one of these systems to reduce radon emissions. Radon mitigation systems can typically be installed in less than a day.



**4. Make your home more radon-resistant.** If you already own a home, you

some basic elements (e.g., plastic sheeting, a vent pipe) to reduce your radon exposure. These radon-resistant elements can save you time and money in the long run. can reduce your radon risk by sealing cracks in the foundation and installing a pointof-entry treatment device to remove radon from your water system.



**5. Spread the word.** If your home has already been tested, encourage others to do the same. Talk to friends and family about the risk of having radon in their home and what they can do to protect themselves.

Contact us today for more guidance on protecting your home from the dangers of radon.



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