

November is Radon Action Month in Canada: Serious health concerns mean you should get your home tested November

Radon is a radioactive gas emitted from the soil and rock. It exists across Canada in varying amounts. You cannot see or smell it, but it can accumulate in buildings and pose a serious health risk. As the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada, it kills more than 3,000 Canadians each year.

The only way to know if you have high levels of radon in your home is to get a test. Health Canada recommends a long-term test for 3 months during the fall or winter. That's why Radon Action Month is in November. During the cold weather, windows and doors are closed most of the time, so the test will reveal what the accumulation of radon is during that time.

Here is information on how you can buy a radon kit: <https://takeactiononradon.ca/> .

You can get more information about radon from Health Canada at Canada.ca/radon .

The good news is radon testing is easy and inexpensive. If you have high radon in your home, it can be fixed. Techniques to lower radon levels are effective and can save lives. You can hire a radon mitigation professional that has been certified under the Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program (C-NRPP) to help you find the best way to reduce the radon in your home. A radon mitigation system can be installed in less than a day and in most homes will reduce the radon level by more than 80 percent. The cost is similar to other common home repairs, such as replacing the furnace or air conditioner.

CPBH has a section on radon on our website. Scroll down on this page:
<http://canadiansforproperlybulthomes.com/what-weve-learned/health-issues/>

There is a lot of interest in radon generally. For example, some question why only three areas of Ontario have been designated by the Province of Ontario in which specific radon mitigation measures are required for newly built homes: Elliot Lake, Faraday and Hyman.

As another example, there are areas in Kanata that have radon concerns. Here is a link from a Kanata Community Association website from 2018 related to radon: <https://tinyurl.com/yxelml3n> .

Limited Time Opportunity for Homeowners across Canada: Investigative journalist team interested in doing a story on radon

The deadline is December 20, 2020. CPBH has heard from an investigative journalist team that is interested in the possibility of doing a story about radon, but they need homeowners who have had excessive radon to provide the data. Specifically, the journalists would like to hear from homeowners who have had their home tested for radon with results that exceeded the 200 Bg/m³ level specified by Health Canada.

If you live in Canada, have had radon test results in excess of 200 Bg/m³ and agree to having your contact information and radon results shared with the investigative journalists, please email your name, address and radon level to info@canadiansforproperlybulthomes.com by **December 20, 2020**. For any questions about this opportunity, contact info@canadiansforproperlybulthomes.com .

