

Montana Radon Fact Sheet

MONTANA RADON PROGRAM

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The Montana State Indoor Radon Program is operated by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), which encourages Montanans to protect their health by testing their homes for radon. State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) funds allow the Montana DEQ to educate residents about radon and encourage testing across the state. Montana meets the 40% matching funds requirement of SIRG.

Montana Radon Facts:

Radon can be found in every state, including Montana. Radon is formed by the natural radioactive decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. Low levels of uranium occur naturally, and radon can be found throughout the United States. The geology of an area typically determines the concentrations of radon found; most soils in Montana generate some radon.

Radon is a radioactive gas and unless you test for it, there is no way of knowing how much is present. Anyone can use a single-use "do-it-yourself" test kit to check a home or business. These kits are simple to use and relatively inexpensive. Test kits are available in hardware stores and other retail outlets, local health departments, and county extension offices. Several county health departments in Montana offer radon test kits at a discounted price. Those counties include: Cascade, Flathead, Gallatin, Missoula, and Ravalli. (See the [Montana State Radon Website](#) for more information.)

Montana Enacted Legislation:

Montana Code §§ 75-3-601—607

Requires radon professionals to pass a EPA proficiency examination in order to be publicly listed as proficient. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to administer a program designed to educate and inform the public about radon, including: making presentations and providing materials; maintaining a toll-free telephone number; providing technical and training information on radon measurement and mitigation; establishing listings of qualified radon measurers and mitigators; and encouraging homeowners to test for radon. Requires provision of a general radon warning statement and disclosure of known radon test results to buyers of real property.