

Nebraska Radon Fact Sheet

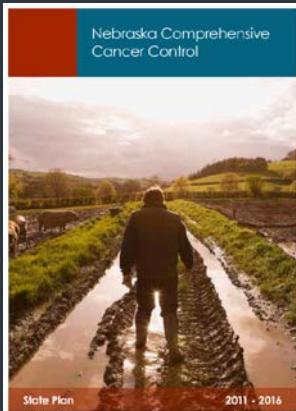
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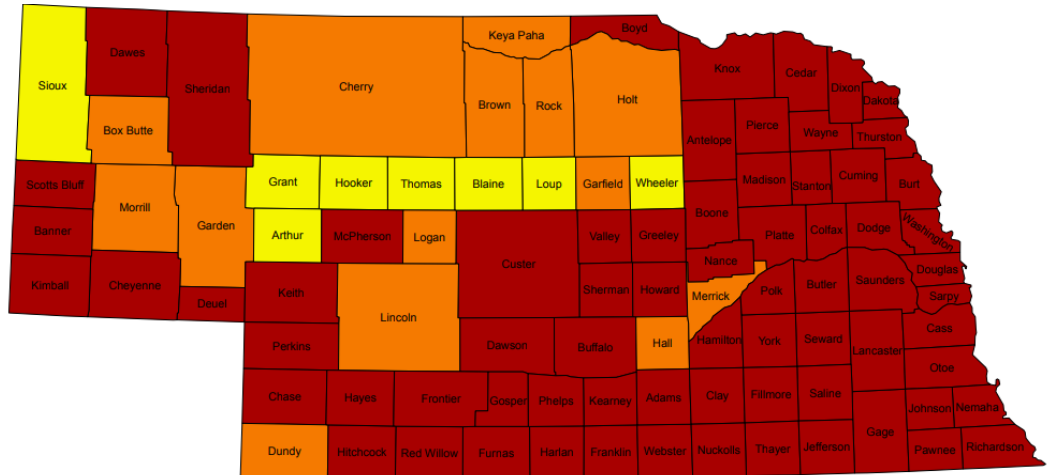
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ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publications/Cancer/ccc/nebraska_ccc_plan_2011_2016.pdf



Legend

Average Radon Concentrations by County (pCi/l)

- Zone 1 - ≥ 4.0 pCi/l
- Zone 2 - 2 pCi/l - 3.9 pCi/l
- Zone 3 - < 2 pCi/l

0 50 100 Miles

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Map revised by: DHHS GIS - 1/15

Maps and tables are not intended to be used to determine if a home in a given area should be tested for radon. Homes with elevated levels of radon have been found in all areas of the state. All homes should be tested regardless of geographic location.

The Nebraska Radon Program has two primary functions: regulating the licensed industry and conducting education and awareness activities across the state. The regulatory authority comes from the Radiation Control Act and Title 180 NAC 11. These statutes and regulations govern the activities of individuals and business that measure and/or mitigate radon in homes other than those where they live. Regulatory functions include issuing licenses, conducting audits and inspections, collecting data, and general enforcement. The education and awareness activities include issuing sub grants to local organizations for local radon projects, providing for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and training opportunities, conducting school testing and presentations, and offering technical assistance to the general public, partners, and licensees.

The Nebraska Radon Program is administered with a 60% funding grant through the EPA State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) Program and a 40% match through the Program. If SIRG funding were eliminated, the Programs would probably consist only of information that we could place on our web site. All other radon activities would discontinue.

Nebraska Pending/Enacted Legislation

LB 28 is a bill which would establish minimum standards for radon resistant new construction in NE through a 16 member task force. This bill was introduced in 2015, is currently on general file, and will have the opportunity to be reintroduced during the next legislative session.

Nebraska Revised Statutes §71-3501: Establishes a state policy to protect the public from radon by establishing requirements for persons providing radon measurement and mitigation services and radon mitigation system installation. Regulations adopted under the law (180 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 11, §§ 11-001 et seq.) provide for the licensure of radon measurement and mitigation specialists, technicians, and businesses. A separate law (Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-121) requires radon professionals to obtain a credential under the state's Uniform Credentialing Act.

Nebraska Revised Statutes § 76-2,120: Requires sellers of residential real property to submit a written disclosure statement to buyers during real estate transactions. Regulations establishing the disclosure form (302 Neb. Admin. Code, ch. 1, § 001) require the disclosure of sellers' knowledge of radon gas on the property and the provision of copies of any radon tests that have been conducted on the property. Disclosure form also requires sellers to report the presence of asbestos, lead-based paint, and toxic materials.

Radon in Nebraska Cancer Plan

Currently in the 2010-2014 state Cancer Plan radon is addressed in a limited way as “Priority 1: Emphasize primary prevention to reduce cancer risks” and “Strategies: vi. Build relationships with DHHS Environmental Health Unit and identify collaboration opportunities.” However as a result of this priority, the manager of the Comprehensive Cancer Control program has added specific radon related goals to the intermediate plan. This includes a project period goal to “Increase the number of Nebraska communities that are protected by Radon Resistant New Construction codes from 7 to 10 by June 2017” as well as an Annual Objective to “Increase the number of Nebraska local health departments that offer radon testing.” This language also reflects what will be added to the 2014-2018 state Cancer Plan.