

MARYLAND RADON AWARENESS PROGRAM

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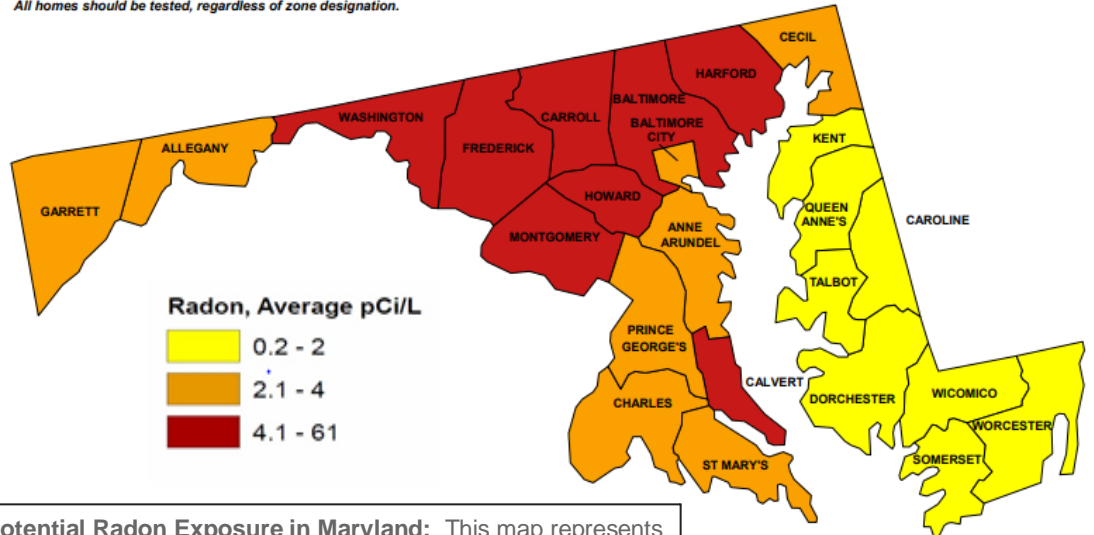


Maryland Cancer Control Plan

https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/cancer/cancerplan/Documents/MD%20Cancer%20Program_508C%20with%20cover.pdf

Maryland Radon Fact Sheet

All homes should be tested, regardless of zone designation.



Potential Radon Exposure in Maryland: This map represents areas where excessive exposure to radon may be found. Data generated from EPA records.

The Maryland Department of the Environment was awarded the State Indoor Radon Grant and collaborates with the Maryland Department of Health on the radon activities of the grant. Maryland contributes a 40% match of SIRG funds received. All radon activities are paid through SIRG funding.

Summary of Radon-Related Information:

- Radon Awareness Month is promoted through a gubernatorial proclamation, radon awareness messages were placed on seven billboards in strategic locations, social media, radon education booths at home improvement stores, and an interview was conducted with a cancer survivor at one of the health departments in Maryland.
- Partnered with a company to offer free radon test kits to the citizens of Maryland. Currently over 200 test kits have been distributed.

State Cancer Control Plan: (2016-2020)

Radon Goals in the Maryland's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2016-2020
By 2020, develop and publish online a single state strategy to reduce radon exposure in Maryland. State agencies, in concert with local governments, the business community and other stakeholders, shall strive to reduce radon exposure in Maryland through outreach, education (about testing and remediation) and other exposure reduction strategies. In addition, the state and other stakeholders should increase awareness about the relationship between indoor radon exposure and lung cancer.

Maryland Enacted Legislation

Maryland's radon laws are focused on testing related activities. One provision in current law states that a person engaged in the business of testing must complete the Environmental Protection Agency's National Radon Measurement Proficiency Program (Maryland Environment Code § 8-305). This program was discontinued, so Maryland is recommending for the public to check whether a business entity hired to perform radon testing is accredited by a national radon proficiency program and will provide a written report of the results to the client along with the name of the analytical facility. The following are summaries of other legislation enacted in Maryland.

Maryland Public Safety Code §§ 12-503—504: Directs the state Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt Maryland Building Performance Standards, which apply throughout the state and are enforced at the local level, with local jurisdictions retaining authority to adopt local amendments to modify the Standards. Directs the Department to incorporate the International Building Code into the Standards, with modifications as determined by the Department. Local jurisdictions must implement the state Standards and any local amendments within six months of the effective date. Department regulations (Md. Admin. Code 05.02.07.04) incorporate the 2015 International Residential Code, including the radonresistant new construction standard of IRC Appendix F, applicable to Zone 1 (high radon potential) counties.

Maryland Real Property Code § 10-702: Requires that sellers of residential properties with four or fewer single-family units provide buyers with a disclaimer or disclosure form. Disclaimer includes any known latent defects that would pose a direct threat to health or safety, and that would not be apparent by a careful visual inspection. Disclosure includes actual knowledge of hazardous or regulated materials including asbestos, lead-based paint, and radon, and whether a carbon monoxide alarm is installed on the property.

Maryland Real Property Code §§ 10-603—604: Requires home builders to complete a disclaimer or a disclosure regarding environmental hazards present on the home site, including radon, asbestos, lead-based paint, and methane.