

# District of Columbia Radon Fact Sheet

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RADON PROGRAM

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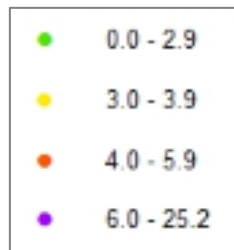


Washington, DC Cancer Control Plan  
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Order your Radon Test Kit by calling the Department of Energy & Environment / Radon Hotline at 202 535-2302

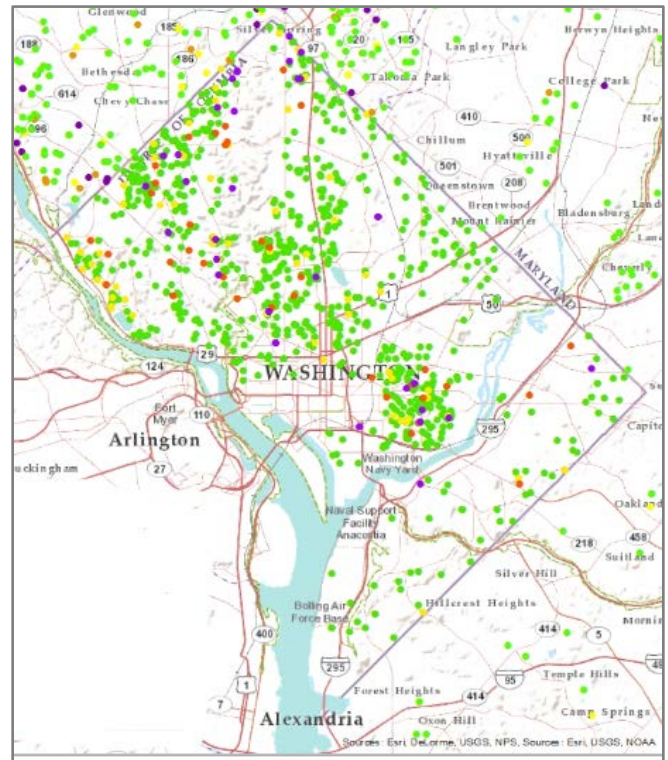
### Radon Test Kit Results 2010-2015

#### Radon Concentration (pCi/L)



Note: Fix your home if your radon level is 4 pCi/L or higher.

Radon levels less than 4 pCi/L still pose a risk, and in many cases may be reduced.



The District of Columbia Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) applied for and received the EPA State Indoor Radon Grant and is responsible for the day to day activities of the grant. DOEE contributes a 40% match of SIRG funds received. All radon activities are paid through SIRG funding.

Radon is a radioactive decay product of radium, which is itself a decay product of uranium. Uranium and radium are both common elements in the soil. It is harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings, can be harmful, especially at elevated levels. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, according to EPA estimates. Radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. About 2,900 of these deaths occur among people who have never smoked. Testing your home for radon is as simple as opening a package, placing a radon detector in a designated area, and after the prescribed number of days, sealing the detector back in the package. District residents can obtain a free radon test kit by calling the radon hotline at (202) 535-2302 or by submitting an online request for a free radon test kit <http://doee.dc.gov/radon>.

District of Columbia maps are available at <http://doee.dc.gov/radon>.

## Enacted Regulations

**District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Title 20, Chapter 32** Requires anyone who offers to conduct or offer to conduct radon screening, testing or mitigation in the District for a fee is currently certified a proficient by the American Association of Radon Scientist and Technologist-National Radon Proficiency Program (AARST-NRPP) or the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or their successor organization.