

# West Virginia Radon Program

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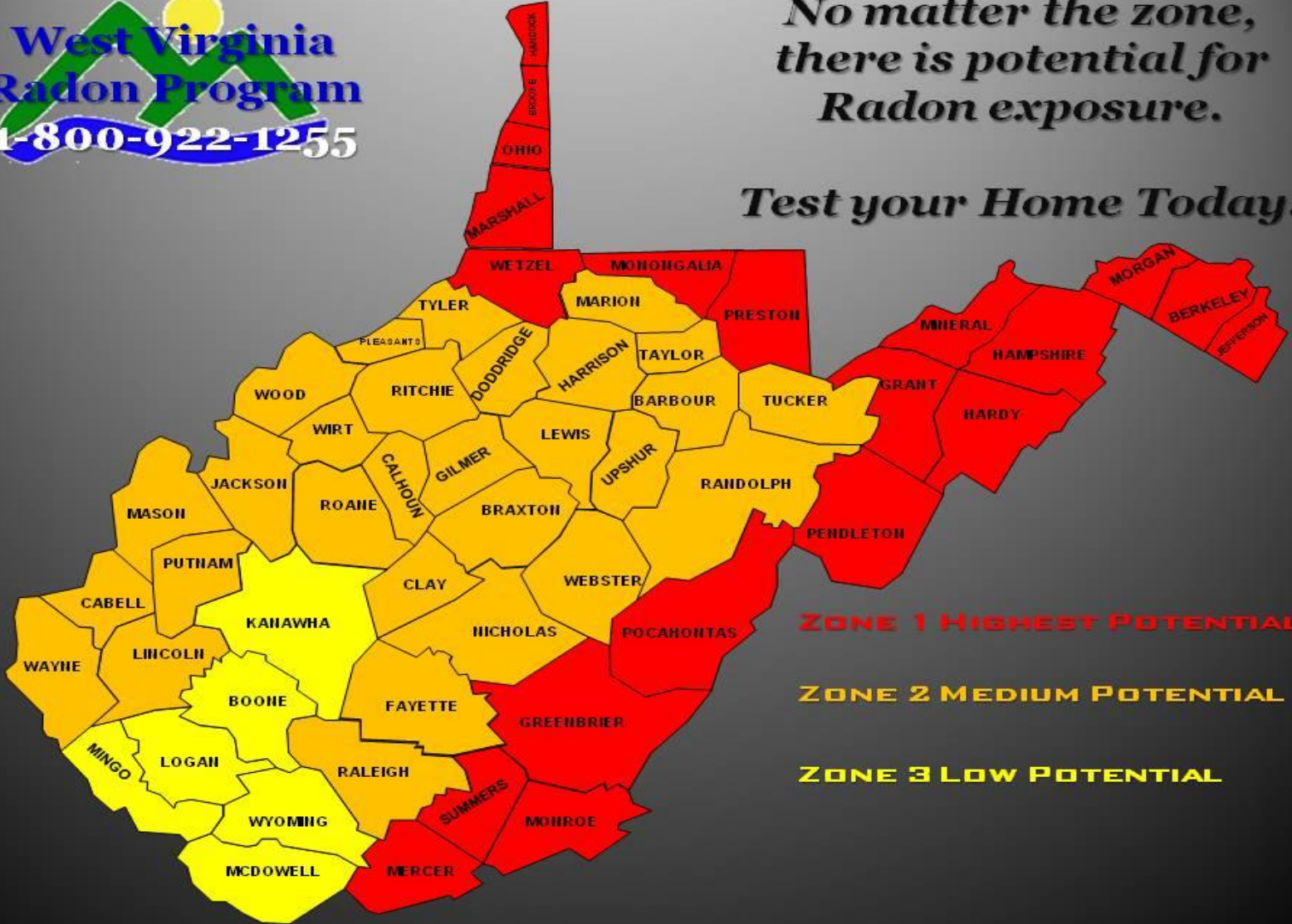


# West Virginia Radon Map

**West Virginia  
Radon Program**  
**1-800-922-1255**

*No matter the zone,  
there is potential for  
Radon exposure.*

*Test your Home Today!*



**ZONE 1 HIGHEST POTENTIAL**  
**ZONE 2 MEDIUM POTENTIAL**  
**ZONE 3 LOW POTENTIAL**



The West Virginia Radon Program is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant (SIRG). The grant is used to Promote Radon Awareness and ensure professionals are properly trained:

- Outreach and Education Programs
- Licensing of Radon Professionals
- Providing Free Test Kits to Homeowners

The West Virginia Radon Program currently has four subgrant counties (3 SIRG Grant / 1 Multi Purpose Grant County) that also work to promote radon awareness with testing in homes and daycares.

## Radon In Schools

- The West Virginia Radon Program reached out to superintendents of all 55 county boards of educations in West Virginia for a list of schools built in 1998 or later.
- The West Virginia Radon Program distributes radon test kits to all schools that were built in 1998 or after.
- This includes schools that have additions built during this time.
- Schools are required to test for radon every five years.
- In 2023 so far, we have sent out test kits (1836) to 72 schools in 21 counties with more to be sent out soon.
- In 2022 we sent out 3333 radon test to 94 schools in 43 counties.

## Radon In Schools

- At this time 2 schools have retested and received high radon results. The West Virginia Radon Program is working with the Board of Education in these counties to have HVAC Systems adjusted or mitigation systems installed to lower radon readings.



## JANUARY WAS RADON ACTION MONTH

- The WV Radon Program sent 55 county health departments boxes of radon literature to distribute.
- 56 county WIC Offices were sent radon literature to handout.
- 67 Pulmonologists were sent a letter and the brochure “Reducing the Risk From Radon.”
- 3761 Realtors, Brokers and Salespersons were mass emailed a letter, a state map and free radon test kit brochure.
- A Governors Proclamation declaring January is Radon Action Month was signed.
- WV DHHR posted on Facebook for Radon Action Month.
- 4 Radon Informational billboards were advertised along roads in zone 1 and 2 counties.

# Radon Program Updates

- Some daycares have tested for radon in their facilities.
- Subgrant counties are participating locally in this initiative.
- Steadily more information has been captured in the West Virginia Radon Data Base.
- We have a state epidemiologist that has been updating our radon database and is currently remodeling and updating our state radon map.
- 383 Radon test kits have been sent out to homeowners in 2023



## FUTURE PLANS:

- Continue working with local Board of Educations on school testing.
- Continue including radon in outreach from other programs such as lead and asbestos.
- Continue outreach to contractors, builders building code officials to promote RRNC at home shows.
- Increase outreach to realtors at conventions through education and power point presentations.

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# Questions??

