

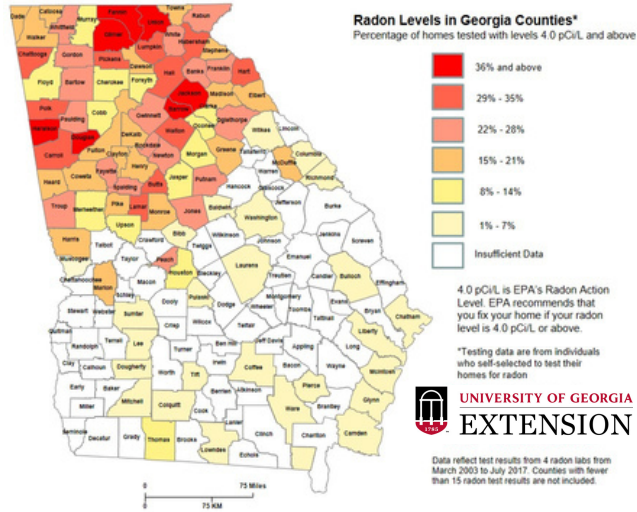
Georgia Radon Fact Sheet

GEORGIA RADON PROGRAM

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The Georgia Radon Program is operated by the University of Georgia (UGA) College of Family and Consumer Sciences and UGA Cooperative Extension Service. The program is funded by the EPA State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG), and Georgia meets the 40% matching funds requirement of the SIRG. Approximately 30% of the match is generated from the sale of radon test kits, and the remainder is in-kind match. The primary objective of the Georgia Radon Program is to minimize the number of radon induced lung cancer deaths in the state through education, awareness, testing, and mitigation of radon in both indoor air and well water.

Georgia Radon Facts:

- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers causing over 21,000 deaths per year.
- Over 800 people in Georgia die each year from exposure to radon gas.
- Four counties (Fulton, Cobb, DeKalb & Gwinnett) have been identified by EPA as Zone 1. This means those counties have a predicted average indoor radon level greater than the EPA action level of 4 picocuries per liter.
- Homes with elevated levels of radon have been found in all regions of Georgia. All homes should be tested regardless of geographic location.
- High levels of radon are frequently found in well water as well, especially in the areas in the northeast and northwest above the fall-line.

Test Kits

- Radon air kits are sold online for \$15 and in some county Extension offices for \$10.
- Radon water kits are available through county Extension offices for \$30 plus \$10 for next day shipping.
- Some radon in air test kits are provided free of charge.

Georgia Enacted Legislation

Georgia Code Sec 12-3-5: Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to make grants, as funds are available, to public entities in order to further any of the services, purposes, duties, responsibilities, or functions vested in the department. Regulations promulgated under the law (Georgia Comp. R. & Regs. 391-7-2-.01--.04) establish the Radon Awareness Grant Program to provide funds to local governments and community-based organizations to address radon issues in their communities.