RADON ANSWERS

Radon Test Day Checklist

Follow your kit's instructions first. These are EPA's testing steps in checklist form.

PICK THE TEST

- [ ] Short-term kit: 2 to 90 days, never less than 48 hours, for a quick result.
- [ ] Long-term kit: more than 90 days, better for your year-round average.
- [ ] Buying or selling? EPA accepts a pair of short-term tests or one continuous monitor test.

12 HOURS BEFORE (2 OR 3 DAY TEST)

- [ ] Close windows and outside doors; keep them closed as much as possible.
- [ ] Don't run fans or machines that bring in outside air.
- [ ] Read the kit instructions all the way through.

PLACE IT

- [ ] Lowest lived-in level of the home.
- [ ] A room you use regularly (living room, den, bedroom), not the kitchen or bathroom.
- [ ] At least 20 inches above the floor, where it won't be disturbed.
- [ ] Away from drafts, high heat, high humidity and exterior walls.

DURING THE TEST

- [ ] Leave it for as long as the package says. Don't move it.
- [ ] Write down the start time and stop time: _____ / _____
- [ ] Keep windows and outside doors closed as much as possible.

FINISH

- [ ] Reseal the package and send it to the lab named on it right away.
- [ ] Keep your result: _____ pCi/L (or Bq/m^3).

WHAT THE RESULT MEANS (EPA)

- [ ] 4 pCi/L (150 Bq/m^3) or higher on a first short-term test: take a follow-up test.
- [ ] Follow up with a long-term test, or a second short-term test if you need results quickly.
- [ ] If the first result is more than twice 4 pCi/L, take the second short-term test immediately.
- [ ] After a long-term test, fix at 4 or more. Between 2 and 4, consider fixing.

Not medical advice. EPA says testing is the only way to know your radon level. If your result is high, call a certified radon mitigation contractor and follow your state radon program.

Free result checker: radonanswers.com/what-does-my-radon-test-result-mean/ · Steps from EPA's Citizen's Guide to Radon (details on the site)

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