

Making Sense of your Radon Test Results

Next Steps to Protect your Family

Step 1: Be clear about what you tested.

Before you look at the numbers, be sure you know:

- Whether results are for water or air or both
- Whether water test results were for a private well. You need a radon water test *only* for well water, not for town or public supply.

If you are on well water and tested just your water, keep in mind that you also need to test your air.

Step 2: Pay attention to the numbers. Don't worry about "pCi/L."

The letters **pCi/L** are short for "picocuries per liter." This is a measurement scientists use. What matters to you are the **numbers**. Don't worry about those letters after the numbers.

Step 3: Make wise treatment decisions.

If you are on well water, be sure to test both your water and your air. You need results from **both** to decide whether and how to treat a radon problem.

High levels of radon in water and air can be reduced to fall within safety guidelines. Treating a radon problem is a smart health investment.

Understand Well Water Test Results

Safe levels of radon in well water measure **below 4,000 pCi/L**. If your **well water number** is:

- **10,000 or higher**
You need a treatment system (list on back).
- **Between 4,000 and 10,000** – maybe treat
Call us to discuss: 1-800-232-0842.
- **4,000 or lower**
Retest in 3 to 5 years.

Understand Air Test Results

Short-term tests (48-60 hours) are the most common, often done before homes are sold. If your **air test number** is:

- **4 or higher**
You need a treatment system (list on back).
- **Between 2 and 4** – maybe treat
Call us to discuss: 1-800-232-0842.
- **Below 2** and you tested in cold weather with the heat on—retest in 3 to 5 years. If you tested in warmer weather when heat is off, test again in cold weather when heat is on.

Radon Gas: The 2nd Leading Cause of Lung Cancer



Radon is a serious health risk. Natural levels of radon are high in Maine. Technology can usually reduce radon air levels to below 2 and easily reduce water levels to below 4,000—the safest levels.

If you need to reduce radon levels in your home, be aware that contractors must be registered to reduce radon in water or air or both. See the list on back.

If radon is tested as part of buying or selling a house, a registered radon tester **MUST** be used.

Learn More. Request Radon Tip Sheets.

- Check this website: www.MaineRadiationControl.org
- Call for advice: **1-800-232-0842** • TTY: **800-606-0215**



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CONTRACTORS REGISTERED TO PROVIDE RADON AIR AND WATER TREATMENT

Southern Maine (Greater Portland, south & west)

Aaron Radon Mitigation
Saco, Maine
207-282-6026
Air & Water treatment

Henningsen Inspections, LLC
Eliot, Maine
207-730-1686
Air & Water treatment

Radon Systems LLC
E. Waterboro, Maine
207-247-8181
Air treatment

Air and Water Quality, Inc.
Freeport, Maine
800-698-9655
Air & Water treatment

Hissong Properties
Kennebunk, Maine
207-985-9345
Air treatment

Residential Radon Services
Hiram, Maine
207-625-7977
Air treatment

Alpha Water Systems
Sebago, Maine
207-838-3445
Water treatment

Justin Conforte
Naples, Maine
207-831-4485
Air treatment

Ward Water
Steep Falls, Maine
207-675-3272
Water treatment

Atlantic Home Performance
Windham, Maine
207-357-2970
Air & Water treatment

Radon Rangers, Inc.
Denmark, Maine
207-452-8378
Air treatment

Western Maine Radon
Bethel, Maine
207-890-6637
Air treatment

A & B Water Consultants
Meredith, NH
603-279-0501
Water treatment

Radon Removal Systems
Westbrook, Maine
800-640-8889
Air treatment

Central Maine (Mid-coast & west)

Aaron Radon Mitigation
Boothbay, Maine
207-282-6026
Air & Water treatment

Aqua-Max of Maine
Lewiston, Maine
207-782-1005
Air & Water treatment

Maine Professional Inspections
Chelsea, Maine
207-623-2251
Air & Water treatment

Advanced Quality Water Solutions
Brunswick, Maine
207-721-8620
Air & Water treatment

Goodwin Well & Water Inc.
North Turner, Maine
207-224-7861
Water treatment

Maine Radon Pro, LLC
Lewiston, Maine
207-576-0981
Air & Water treatment

Affordable Water Treatment
Litchfield, Maine
207-268-2987
Water treatment

Haskell's Water Treatment
Rockland, Maine
207-594-4947
Water treatment

Radon Done Right, LLC
Lewiston, Maine
866-997-2366
Air & Water treatment

Air and Water Quality, Inc.
Ellsworth, Maine
207-664-5200
Air & Water treatment

Maine Coast Construction
Camden, Maine
207-236-6000
Air treatment

Northern & Eastern Maine

Civil Engineering Services, Inc.
Brewer & Presque Isle, Maine
207-989-4824 (Brewer)
207-764-8412 (Presque Isle)
Air & Water treatment

Norlen's Water Treatment Service
Orrington, Maine
207-825-4964
Air & Water treatment

Ron McGlinchy
Lamoine, Maine
207-667-7775
Air treatment

Updated 12/12/2012
Registrations Valid to 10/1/2012

Some companies may have registered since this update.

For a current list see

www.MaineRadiationControl.org

Call 1-800-232-0842 or email

radon.dhhs@maine.gov if you have a problem contacting a company listed here.

Remember: Maine Law requires that electrical or plumbing work for a radon system must be installed by a licensed electrician or plumber.

Protect your family. Learn. Test. Treat if needed.

• Call for advice: 1-800-232-0842 • TTY: 800-606-0215 * Email questions to radon.dhhs@maine.gov

Visit www.maineradiationcontrol.org for more information