

Radon Test Kit Mail Order Form

Mail completed form to:

Clinton County Health Department
226 11th St.
DeWitt, IA 52742



Enclosed is my purchase order, check, or money order (payable to Clinton County Health Department) for:

\$7.00 for each short-term test kit (include \$5.00 flat rate shipping)
.....number of short-term test kits ordered
\$26.00 for each long-term test kit (include \$5.00 flat rate shipping).....number of long-term test kits ordered

-MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT"-

NO ADDITIONAL COST! Price includes postage, laboratory analysis, and sending you your results. Kits will be mailed to the name and address provided below.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

call Clinton County Health Department if you have questions about radon and radon testing
(563) 659-8148

Will I have to pay for postage or lab fees? No. The price of the kit includes a postage paid envelope, and the lab cost is prepaid. The cost of the kit is all you pay.

Who can order kits? Individuals, public agencies, and non-profits in Iowa.

Should I take a short-term or long-term test? A short-term test takes 3 to 7 days. Short-term kits are a snapshot of conditions at the time the test is conducted – conditions that change with the seasons and the patterns of use in your home. A long-term test takes 3 months to a year.

If this is your first radon test, we recommend a short-term test. If your initial results are between 4pCi/L and 8pCi/L, the Iowa Department of Public Health recommends conducting a long-term test. If your initial results are greater than 8pCi/L, the Iowa Department of Public Health recommends conducting a second short-term test and averaging the two results together. If your initial results are greater than 80pCi/L, contact the Iowa Department of Public Health immediately at (515) 281-4928. For any tests with results over 4pCi/L, we recommend testing your water for radon as well.

When is the best time of the year to perform the test? The amount of radon in homes is usually highest during the heating season. Long-term tests should ideally span the heating season and the non-heating season.

Where should the test kit be installed? Test the lowest lived in area of your home that you use on a regular basis. If you're in doubt – if you use your basement sometimes but not often why not test both

your basement and your first floor? If you have a crawlspace and a basement, it is recommended that two tests be done: one test placed in the basement and one test placed in the room above the crawlspace.

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**What are the test conditions?** For a short-term test, please remember that the windows and doors of your house must be closed during the test. Normal coming-and-going is OK, and it's OK to use your air conditioner.

**How does the test work?** The short-term test kit contains activated charcoal, which absorbs radon from the air. The long-term kit contains a substance that records tracks from alpha particles (radiation) that pass through it. After you mail in the test, the testing company analyzes the kit to evaluate your radon levels. For more information on short-term and long-term kits, see [www.radon.com](http://www.radon.com) or <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/Radon>. Animated instructions for the short-term test kit can be found at: [http://www.radon.com/radon/radon\\_anim1.html](http://www.radon.com/radon/radon_anim1.html).

**If you have questions about your home radon test,** call the Clinton County Health Department at (563) 659-8148.