

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services

Guide to Radon Reduction

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Radon Overview

- Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. The Surgeon General and the EPA recommend testing for, and reducing radon levels in your home.
- Fix your home if your radon level is 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher.
- There is no **safe** level of radon. Even lower levels can pose a risk and can be reduced.

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HOW TO LOWER THE RADON LEVEL IN YOUR HOME

- Obtain at least three competing estimates from a qualified Radon Mitigation Contractor.
- It's important that you check to ensure the contractor you have selected is licensed and their ID card and qualifications have not expired. Also, check with DHHS for more information about certified and qualified mitigation contractors.

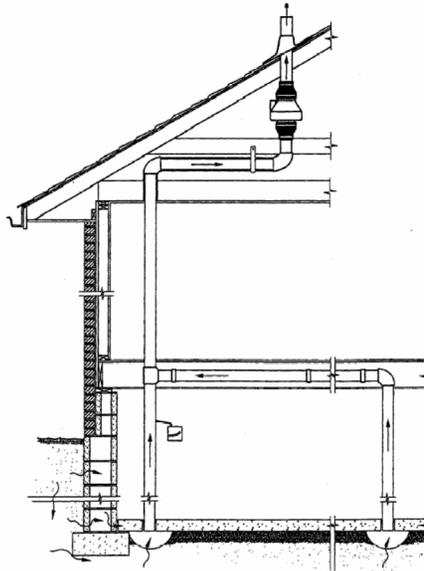
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<http://www.nebraska.gov/radon>



- The cost to install the system will depend on the age, foundation type, and general layout of your particular home. Average estimates can range from \$900 to \$2000.
- Be sure to retest your home every two years after your radon mitigation system has been installed.

THE RADON MITIGATION SYSTEM



- A radon mitigation system typically consists of PVC pipe, sealants, and a special radon fan.
- A system will often run from under the foundation of the home, out the siding, and through the roof to exhaust to the outdoor air.
- **Before** work begins, ask your mitigation contractor how a system can be made to blend with your house's surroundings.

FINANCING A RADON MITIGATION SYSTEM

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can help with an **FHA Title I loan**.

Omaha Field Office
10909 Mill Valley Rd Ste 100
Omaha, NE 68154
402-492-3101

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development can help with a **Section 504 Rural Home Repair Loan**.

Nebraska Federal Building
100 Centennial Mall N Ste 152
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-437-5551

Some community-based organizations have local programs to help with home improvement projects.

With all of these programs, please contact the administering agency to see if you qualify.

