

# RADON

The Holland Township Committee and Environmental Commission are partnering with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Radon Program to support Radon Action Week. Radon is a serious health risk, the second leading cause of lung cancer. **Holland Township and all of Northwest Jersey are in an area where radon is more likely to occur.**

[Click here for map of high-potential radon areas in NJ](http://nradon.org/radonin.htm)  
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**What is Radon?** Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally from the breakdown of uranium and radium in soil and rocks. Because it's invisible and odorless, it's easy to overlook. Radon gas moves from the soil and into our homes through cracks in the foundation and openings around pumps, pipes and drains.

**How can I test for Radon in my home?** Fortunately, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive. Test kits can be bought at many hardware stores. The NJ DEP Radon Program provides a list of certified companies that provide testing services or do-it-yourself test kits. Call (800) 648-0394 or visit [www.nradon.org](http://www.nradon.org) online.

**What if tests show dangerous levels of radon in my home?** Radon mitigation systems can be installed at a cost similar to that of other home repairs. Call the number above or visit the website for a list of certified mitigation companies.

**How can I get more information?** The NJ DEP Radon Program offers a brochure that gives much more information on radon and offers a discussion of the different types of radon mitigation techniques. Copies of the brochure are available at the Holland Township Municipal Building. You can download a printable PDF file of the brochure by clicking below.

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