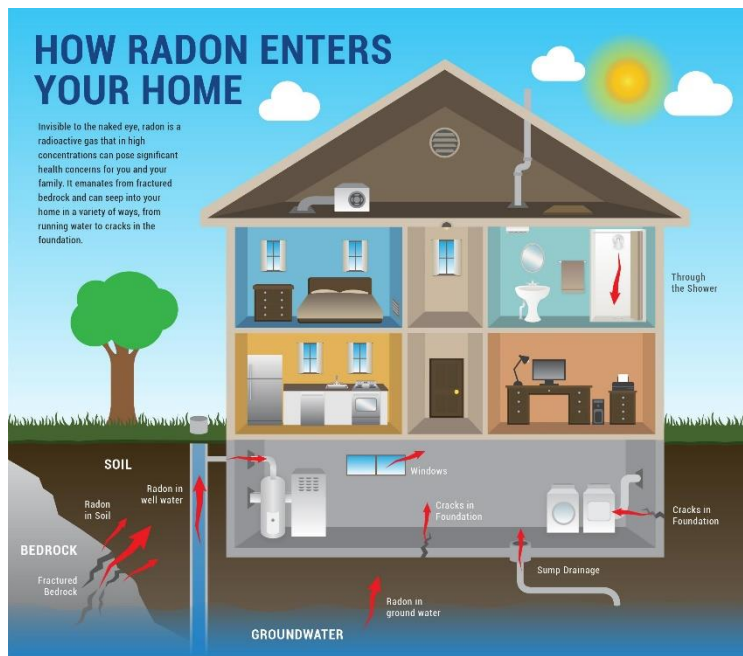


Radon Announcement for Brockway Area

Several area residents have, upon advice, tested for Radon and found their numbers far higher than the EPA failure standard. While Radon (and other soil gases) are often / generally higher in the Winter; these failing readings were in Spring and Summer...so the Winter Vs have likely been even higher.

The EPA notes that there is no safe level of Radon but that it is also naturally occurring...the problem is when it gets concentrated within our buildings. Rainy weather, falling barometric pressure and winter's accumulation of snow and ice; all tend to press down and force the radon particles into the house...much like a furnace draft.



Some people think it is only a problem with houses with basements, but this is not necessarily the case. It all depends on the rock underneath your house. AND...it can change with time; so, it is generally recommended that retesting be done every two years since conditions do change.

Since Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and recent studies suggest that accumulation of the radioactive radon particles in the brain seem to be a contributor to the Parkinsons and Alzheimers

numbers that continue to grow. There are other medical connections also, but the point seems to be clear.

Testing isn't expensive and mitigation to keep the radon from getting into your home isn't expensive either. With the risk factors so high; it is well worth looking into the situation for your family.

Residents can learn more about Radon by visiting the Wisconsin Department of Health website at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon/radon-results.htm>

Or contact the Wisconsin Radon Information Center for Jackson County at 715-894-4718.