

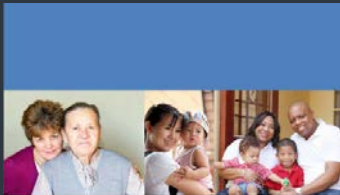
Michigan Radon Fact Sheet

MICHIGAN RADON AWARENESS PROGRAM

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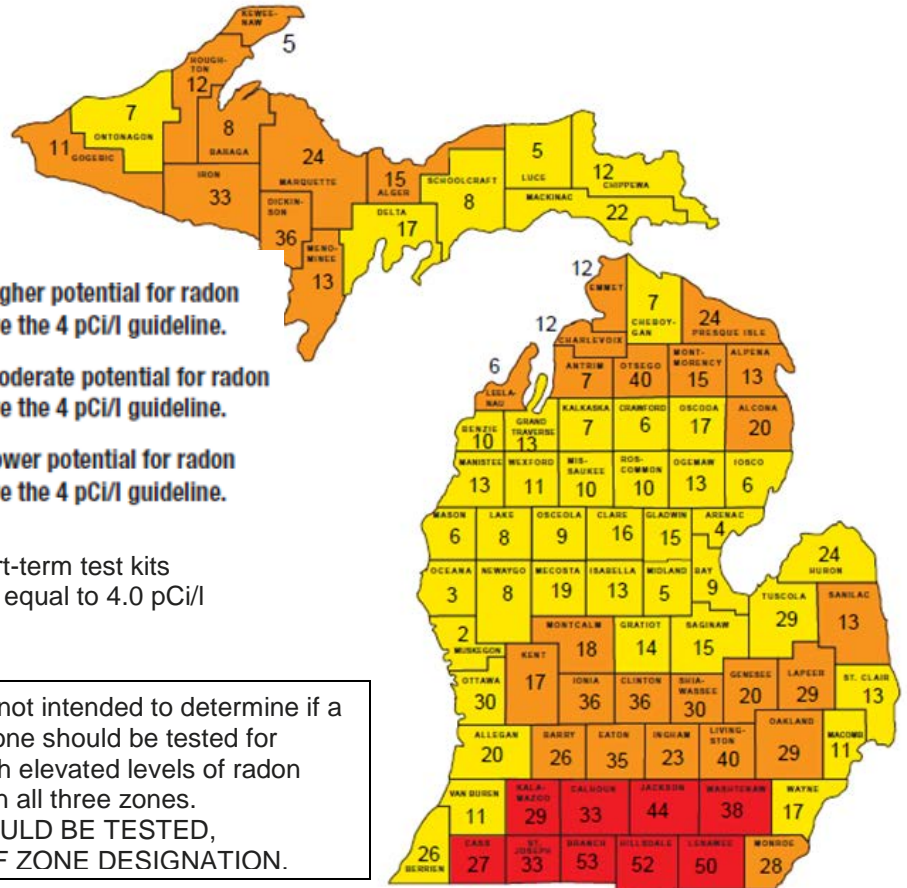


Cancer Plan for Michigan
2016-2020



Michigan Cancer Control
Plan

<http://www.michigancancer.org/PDFs/CancerPlan/Michigan'sComprehensiveCancerControlPlan2016-2020.pdf>



The Michigan Indoor Radon Program acts as a central clearinghouse and call center for citizens with questions about radon. The program provides free radon test kits and literature to local health departments who distribute the kits and literature to their constituents. The program coordinates radio and television advertising about the need to test for radon through the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) – more than 19,000 public service announcements were broadcasted throughout Michigan about radon. Unlike some other states, Michigan does not regulate companies who test for radon or who install radon mitigation systems.

1 in 4 Michigan Homes Has an Elevated Radon Concentration

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends that radon concentrations in homes be less than 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Since the radon program began in 1992, more than 190,000 radon test kits have been used in Michigan.

26% ≥ 4 pCi/L of radon

Maximum Concentration – 458 pCi/L

The map shows the percent of test kits by county that had high radon readings.

Michigan Cancer Control Plan

The Plan includes: Increase the number of radon test results that are reported to the MDEQ Indoor Radon Program from 7,176 to 7,894.

Michigan Enacted Legislation

Michigan Compiled Laws § 125.1504 Directs the state to adopt a residential building code, specifically the International Residential Code, applicable statewide. The state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs has incorporated the IRC, including Appendix F (radon control), into the Michigan Residential Code. The radon requirements are applicable to Zone 1, high radon potential counties within the state. (See www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/lara_bcc_2015_residential_code_502813_7.pdf)

Michigan Compiled Laws § 722.112 Directs the state Department of Human Services to develop rules for the care and protection of children. Regulations adopted under the law (Mich. Admin. Code r. 400.1934) establish a radon standard of 4.0 pCi/L for the lowest level of the family or group child care homes and require that documentation of radon test results be kept on file in the home.

Michigan Compiled Laws §§ 565.951--.966 Requires sellers of residential property consisting of up to four dwelling units to complete a seller's disclosure statement, which provides for disclosure of any environmental hazards on the property, including radon gas, asbestos, formaldehyde, and lead-based paint. The disclosure statement recommends that buyers obtain a professional inspection that specifically addresses indoor air and water quality, as well as any evidence of potential allergens such as mold, mildew and bacteria.

State Indoor Radon Grant Funding

The program is 100% funded through an EPA State Indoor Radon Grant with the value of the MAB advertising providing the 40% state match to the EPA grant.

If SIRG funding is discontinued:

MAB advertising encouraging people to test for radon will stop.

Local health departments will lose access to radon test kits, radon test results, and other radon related materials that support their outreach and education efforts to audiences such as residents, realtors, and health professionals.

Radon measurement and mitigation service providers will lose an essential part of their business - outreach and education to customers from a trusted source; essentially their business will suffer and jobs will be lost.