

Southern Wisconsin

Radon Information Center

The Grant County Health Department acts as the Southern Wisconsin Radon Information Center, who responds to radon questions from residents of Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland and Vernon Counties.

Information about the health effects of radon and benefits of radon testing and radon mitigation is provided by this Radon Information Center. Radon screening kits, both short and long term, are offered at various times throughout the year. All homes should be tested for radon.

What is Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless, tasteless, colorless radioactive gas that causes lung cancer. Uranium in rock, soil and water naturally decays and gives off radon. 5-10% of the homes in Wisconsin have radon levels above the US EPA guideline of 4 pCi/L for the year average on the main floor. Every region of Wisconsin has some homes with radon levels higher than this guideline.

Because radon is a gas, radon moves through soil and structures to the water below the ground surface and to the air above. Homes and buildings can trap air that has radon and cause a health concern. Dust particles with radon can be breathed in; these radioactive particles cling to lung tissue and decay there. The lung damage caused can lead to lung cancer.

Contact Information:

Contact the Grant County Health Department at **(608.723.6416)**. The Grant County Health Department is located in the County Administration Building at 111 South Jefferson Street, Second Floor in Lancaster. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. (Except for holidays).

State Radon Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radon/infocenters.htm>