

## **Radon Information**

Radon comes from the natural decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground and into your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation of your home. Without proper ventilation, radon can build up in your home. Radon is found in homes and buildings all over the United States, but is most harmful to you and your family in your home where you spend most of your time. Any type of home can have a high level of radon, whether it is a new or old home, well sealed or drafty home, or a home with or without a basement.

### **Radon gas:**

- \*Occurs naturally
- \*Is a radioactive gas
- \*Is found in soil and bedrock
- \*Is invisible, odorless and tasteless
- \*Can reach harmful levels if trapped inside buildings
- \*Enters the home through cracks or holes in the foundation and basement floor

### **Testing for Radon**

Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. The Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Surgeon General recommend testing all homes below the third floor for radon. Testing is inexpensive and easy. Radon test kits can be purchased at local hardware/home improvement stores or directly from radon testing companies.

### **Fixing a Radon Problem**

If a high level of radon is found, there are simple solutions to correct the problem. Radon problems can be fixed by qualified contractors for a cost similar to that of many common home repairs. Contact your state radon office for help in locating qualified mitigation contractors. The list of state offices can be found on the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency website.

For more information, contact the Fulton County Health Department or check out the following links:

Environmental Protection Agency [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)

Ohio Department of Health [www.odh.ohio.gov](http://www.odh.ohio.gov)

Centers for Disease Control [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)