

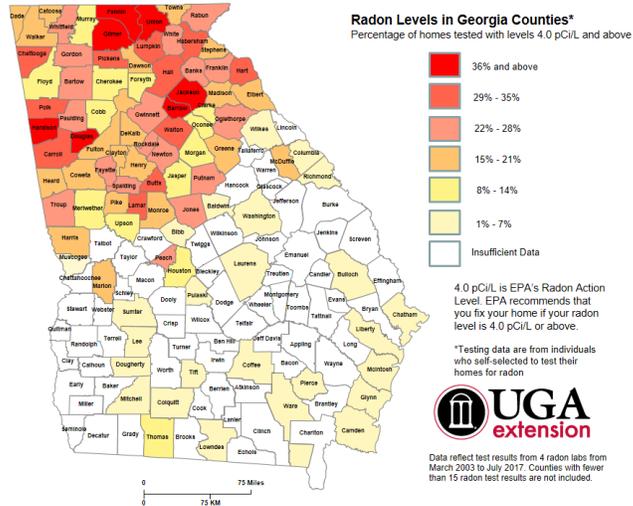
# Georgia Radon Fact Sheet

## GEORGIA RADON PROGRAM

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**The Georgia Radon Program** is operated by the University of Georgia College (UGA) of Family and Consumer Sciences and the UGA Cooperative Extension Service. The program is funded by the EPA State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG), and Georgia meets the 40% matching funds requirement of the SIRG. Approximately 30% of the match is generated from the sale of radon test kits, and the remainder is in-kind match. The primary objective of the Georgia Radon Program is to decrease the number of radon induced lung cancer deaths in the state through education, awareness, and testing.

### Georgia Radon Facts:

- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers causing over 21,000 deaths per year.
- Over 800 people in Georgia die each year from exposure to radon gas.
- Four counties in Georgia have been identified as Zone 1 counties; however, homes with elevated levels of radon have been found in all three zones. Radon has also been found in well water in some Georgia homes.

### Test Kits

- Radon air kits are sold online for \$13 and in county Extension offices for \$10. Radon water kits are available through county Extension offices for \$30 plus \$10 for next day shipping.
- As part of the New Babies Program, select hospitals now provide information on testing and access to free radon air test kits to new parents.

### Georgia Enacted Legislation

**Georgia Code Sec 12-3-5:** Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to make grants, as funds are available, to public entities in order to further any of the services, purposes, duties, responsibilities, or functions vested in the department. Regulations promulgated under the law (Georgia Comp. R. & Regs. 391-7-2-.01--.04) establish the Radon Awareness Grant Program to provide funds to local governments and community-based organizations to address radon issues in their communities.