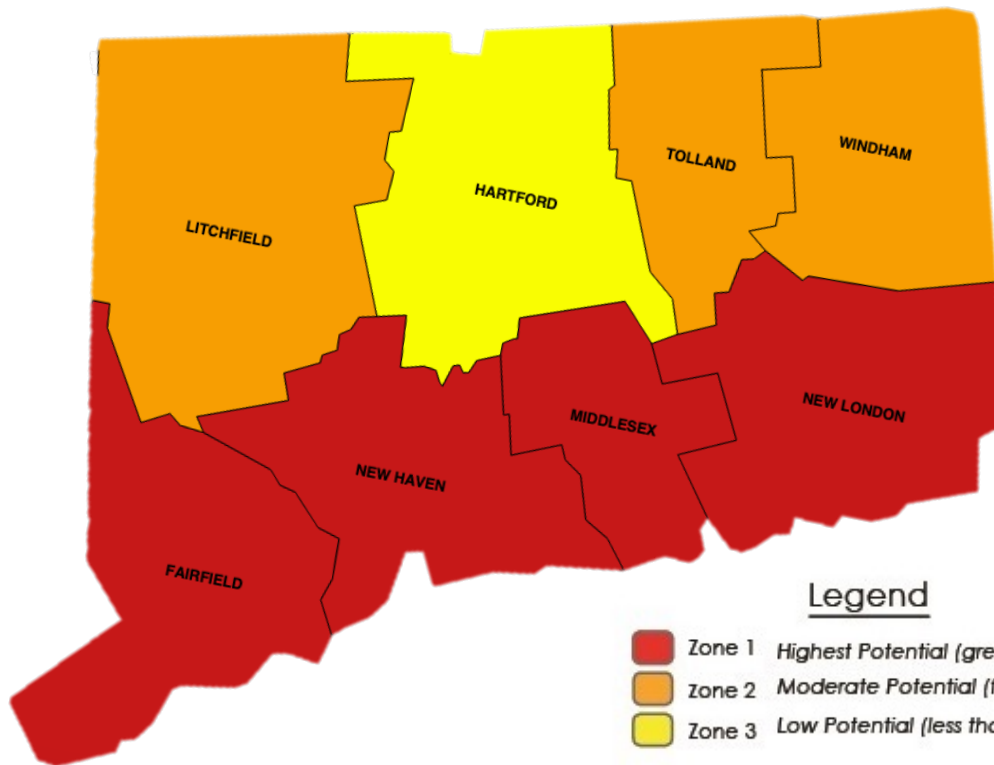


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## Legend

- Zone 1 Highest Potential (greater than 4 pCi/L)
- Zone 2 Moderate Potential (from 2 to 4 pCi/L)
- Zone 3 Low Potential (less than 2 pCi/L)

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## Connecticut Radon Program

The Connecticut Department of Public Health Radon Program's mission is to promote radon awareness, testing, mitigation, and radon-resistant new construction throughout the state in order to reduce the number of radon-induced lung cancer deaths in Connecticut.

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## Radon Program Initiatives

In order to reduce the number of radon-induced lung cancer deaths in CT, the Radon Program focuses on the following activities:

- Providing technical assistance to local health departments, local building officials, realtors, home inspectors, other state agencies, and the general public about radon;
- Overseeing radon measurement activities in all public schools; and providing technical guidance and assistance to private industry, school officials, and local health departments;
- Conducting education and outreach campaigns throughout the year, particularly during January, which is designated as National Radon Action Month;
- Compiling and maintaining lists of radon measurement and mitigation professionals who have been certified by the two national non-profit organizations (AARST-National Radon Proficiency Program and the National Radon Safety Board); and referring the general public to those professionals;
- Collaborating with local health departments, private industry, other state agencies, and other non-profit organizations to promote radon awareness, testing, mitigation and radon-resistant new construction activities throughout Connecticut. The program currently works with the American Lung Association, the CT Department of Consumer Protection, real estate professionals, local health departments, the CT Department of Economic and Community Development, the CT State Department of Education, and the CT Department of Public Works;
- Collaborating with the CT State Department of Education to incorporate radon-resistant new construction features in all newly built schools throughout the state;
- Collaborating with the Department of Economic and Community Development and private industry to test for radon gas, and mitigate high levels of radon in homes receiving assistance through Community Development Block Grant funds; and
- Developing policies, protocols, and educational opportunities for the industry to promote the quality of radon-related activities

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## Connecticut Enacted Legislation

### Department of Education Statutes:

**Connecticut General Statutes Sec 10-220:** Requires that every five years, regional boards of education inspect and evaluate indoor air quality in all new and renovated school buildings, the inspection and evaluation program includes radon levels in the air. Results of these evaluations must be provided at a board meeting and on the website of the board or individual school.

**Connecticut General Statutes Sec 10-291:** Prohibits the Department of Construction Services from approving school building project plans or sites if the site is in an area of moderate or high radon potential, except where the school building project plan incorporates construction techniques to mitigate radon levels.

### Department of Public Health Statutes:

**Connecticut General Statutes Sec 19a-14b:** Requires the Department of Public Health to maintain a list of companies and individuals that are included in current lists of national radon proficiency programs that have been approved by the Commissioner of Public Health. Also requires the department to adopt regulations concerning radon in drinking water consistent with federal regulations.

**Connecticut General Statutes Sec 19a-37b:** Requires the Department of Public Health to adopt regulations to establish radon measurement requirements and procedures for evaluating radon in indoor air and reducing radon levels in public schools.

### Department of Consumer Protection Statutes:

**Connecticut General Statutes Sec 20-420:** Requires that home improvement contractors obtain a certificate of registration from the state and that contractors who perform radon mitigation may not obtain the certificate of registration unless they have achieved certification as radon mitigators by the National Radon Safety Board or the National Radon Proficiency Program.

**Connecticut General Statutes Sec 20-327b:** Requires sellers of residential property containing four units or fewer to provide a written residential condition report to the prospective purchaser. Requires that the report contain information concerning environmental matters including radon. The disclosure form adopted through regulation requires sellers to disclose any radon testing results and radon control systems.