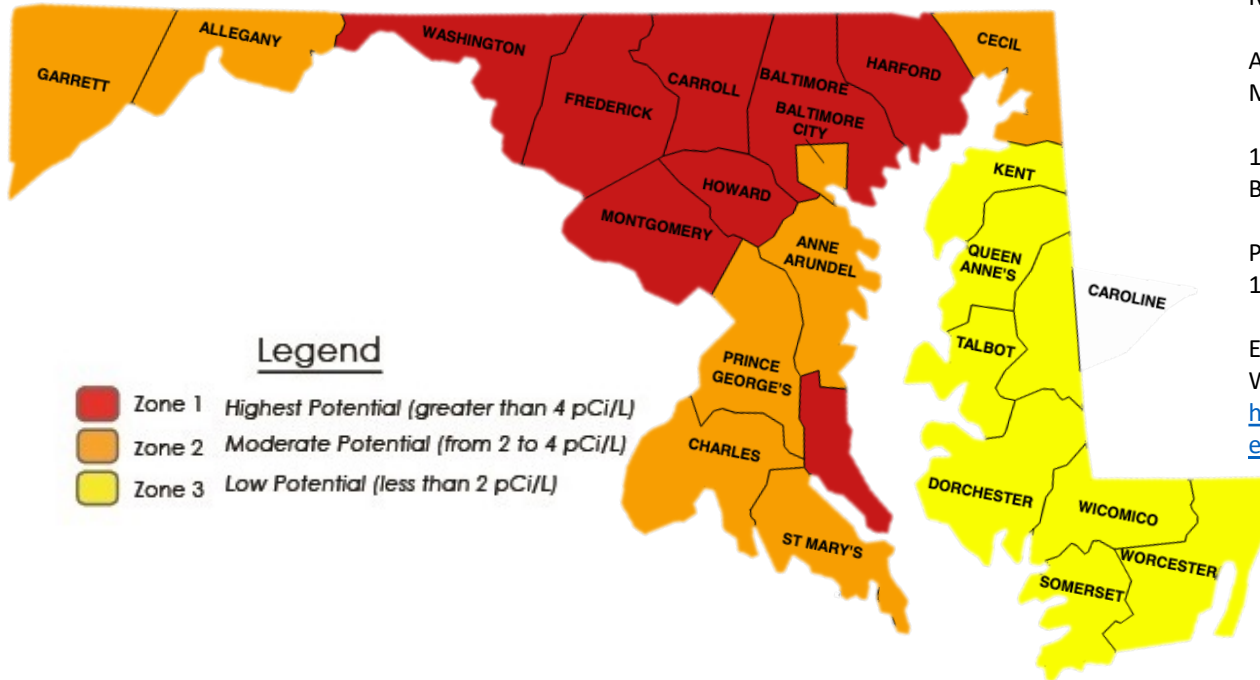


Maryland Radon Fact Sheet



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Radon Facts

- In Maryland, radon concentrations are generally higher in the middle and western parts of the state, compared with the eastern shore, due to differences in geology.
 - However, radon can be found in all parts of the state.
- Provides discounted test kits to residents of Maryland.

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Maryland Cancer Plan (2021 - 2025)

Objective #13: By 2025, improve availability of and access to information and resources to reduce radon exposure in Maryland.

Strategies

1. Reduce radon exposure in Maryland through outreach, education about testing and remediation, and other strategies.
2. Increase public awareness about the relationship between indoor radon exposure and lung cancer.
3. Reduce radon exposure in new and existing construction by requiring radon risk reduction in building codes.
4. Increase capacity of health care providers and staff to ask about radon testing in the home and provide educational and testing resources.
5. Develop a partnership with targeted counties that are at high risk for radon.

Maryland Enacted Legislation

Maryland Public Safety Code §§ 12-503—504: Directs the state Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt Maryland Building Performance Standards, which apply throughout the state and are enforced at the local level, with local jurisdictions retaining authority to adopt local amendments to modify the Standards. Directs the Department to incorporate the International Building Code into the Standards, with modifications as determined by the Department. Local jurisdictions must implement the state Standards and any local amendments within six months of the effective date. Department regulations (Md. Admin. Code 05.02.07.04) incorporate the 2015 International Residential Code, including the radon resistant new construction standard of IRC Appendix F, applicable to Zone 1 (high radon potential) counties.

Maryland Real Property Code § 10-702: Requires that sellers of residential properties with four or fewer single-family units provide buyers with a disclaimer or disclosure form. Disclaimer includes any known latent defects that would pose a direct threat to health or safety, and that would not be apparent by a careful visual inspection. Disclosure includes actual knowledge of hazardous or regulated materials including asbestos, lead-based paint, and radon, and whether a carbon monoxide alarm is installed on the property.

Maryland Real Property Code §§ 10-603—604: Requires home builders to complete a disclaimer or a disclosure regarding environmental hazards present on the home site, including radon, asbestos, lead-based paint, and methane.