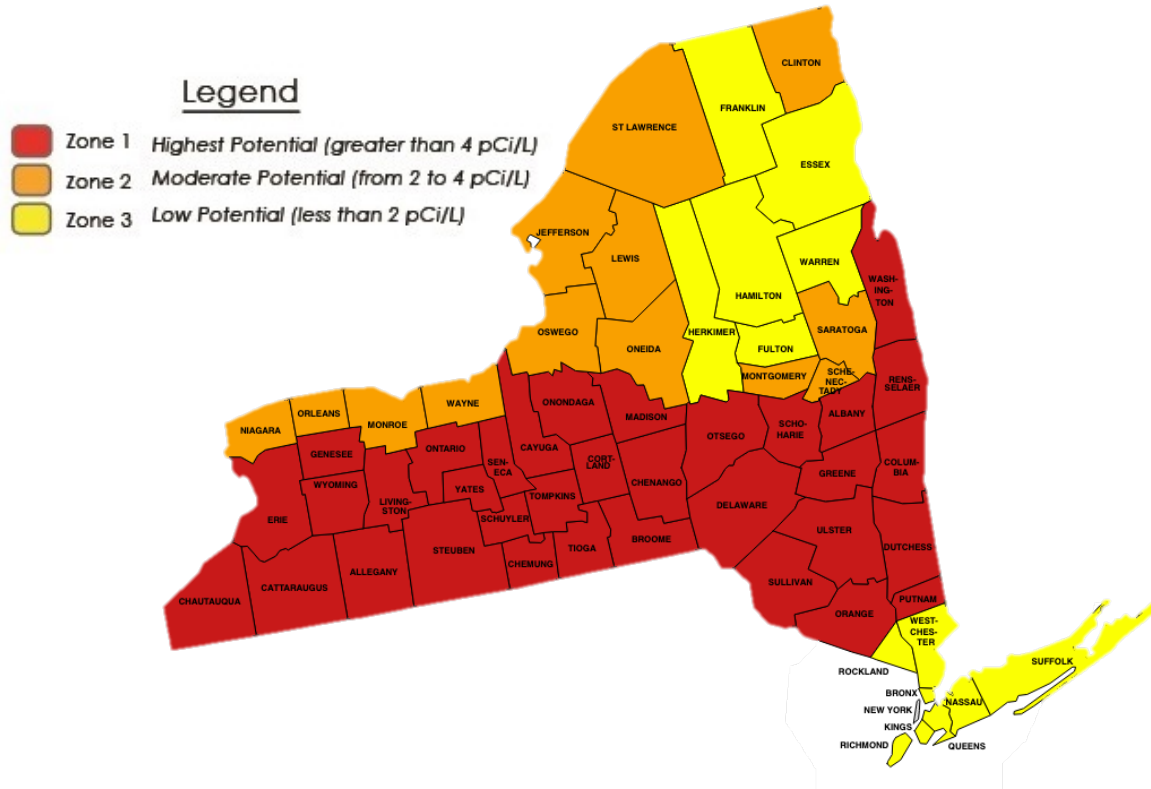


New York Radon Fact Sheet



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Radon Facts

- There are 38 counties in New York that have been designated as high radon risk areas by the [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#) and the [New York State Department of Health](#), because a large percentage of their test results indicate high radon levels. These include the Central New York counties of Cortland, Chemung, Steuben, Allegany, Tioga, Onondaga, Delaware, Oneida, Broome, Madison, Yates, Schuyler, Herkimer, Lewis, Tompkins and Cayuga.

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New York State Radon Task Force

- Was established in June 2018 to conduct a comprehensive study on the prevention of human exposure to radon and make recommendations to reduce and minimize exposure to NY state residents.
- Council is chaired by the Department of Health.
- They address the following:
 - The need for interagency coordination of public education and outreach and prevention programs
 - The need for training, education and possible licensing of radon services providers
 - Any other related information that the commissioner of health may deem necessary or relevant in carrying out such study of radon in indoor settings
- Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/radiological/radon/task_force/

New York Radon Reporting Requirements

Section 16.130 Radon testing and reporting.

(a) Definitions. As used in this Part,

(1) "Radon" means the radioactive noble gas radon-222.

(2) "Radon testing firm" means a commercial business which uses equipment or provides detectors for testing for radon or radon decay products and which provides the results of such tests to customers.

(3) "Radon mitigation firm" means a commercial business which evaluates buildings for the purpose of developing plans for reducing indoor air radon levels, and/or implements measures designed to reduce such levels within existing buildings.

(b) General requirements.

(1) A radon testing firm shall report to the department in writing, within 30 days following the end of a reporting period, a summary of all indoor air radon screening and long term radon tests performed in the state during that reporting period. Reporting periods shall be from January 1 to June 30 and July 1 to December 31 of each year. The report shall include the dates for which the report is made and the number of such measurements performed for the reporting period in each county or zip code area in the state.

(2) When any radon screening or long term testing result exceeds 20 pCi/l or 0.1 working level as defined in section 16.2(a)(145), the radon testing firm shall advise the customer, if a resident of this state, in writing to contact the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection, for further technical advice and assistance.

(3) A radon mitigation firm shall report to the department in writing, within 30 days following the end of a reporting period, a summary of the number of homes mitigated in the state during that reporting period. Reporting periods shall be from January 1 to June 30 and July 1 to December 31 of each year. The report shall include the dates for which the report is made and the number of buildings for which mitigation was performed for the reporting period in each county or zip code area in the state.