

Radon Test Result: 0.7 ±0.2 pCi/L

Test Started 06/04/17 at 4:00 pm

Test Ended 06/08/17 at 5:00 pm

Closed house conditions maintained during test.

Location Basement



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### INTERPRETING YOUR TEST RESULT

This radon test was provided to you by SWAT HOLDINGS LLC / 262-754-2211. The US EPA action level for indoor radon is 4.0 pCi/L. The EPA indicates that there is little short-term risk with test results in this range (0.6 to 1.9 pCi/L). However, because radon levels fluctuate daily, as well as seasonally, you may want to retest during another season. Additionally, if you make any structural changes or start to use a lower level of the building more frequently, you should test again.

You may be able to obtain additional information about radon related subjects by contacting your state radon office at "[www.health.mn.gov/radonkit](http://www.health.mn.gov/radonkit)" or by calling the "Radon Fix-It Line" at 800-644-6999 Monday thru Friday between NOON and 8PM EST.



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### Your Test Result

This result has been rounded to one-tenth (0.1) of a pCi/L (picocurie per liter). This test result reflects the amount of radon measured in this sample AFTER it arrived at our laboratory. All analysis calculations are automatically adjusted to reflect the length of test, the amount of moisture in the sample, temperature, time from the end of test, and the amount of radiation measured. If your test kit was used prior to the Use By date, ALL the testing protocols and instructions were carefully followed, and the data recorded properly on the test packet, then it is reasonable to assume this is an accurate assessment of the average level of the radon this sample was exposed to during the test period.

### Health Risks

The primary health risk from long-term exposure to radon is lung cancer. The risk of developing a lung cancer from radon exposure depends both on how much radon is present and how long you are exposed to radon. The higher the radon level or the longer the time of exposure, even if the levels are relatively low, the greater the risk. EPA has set an Action Level for radon at 4 pCi/L; however radon concentrations less than 4 pCi/L still pose some health risks. The Indoor Radon Abatement Act set a goal for indoor radon concentrations to equal the amount of radon found outdoors, which is estimated to be ~ 0.4 pCi/L.

### Conducting Follow-up Measurements

USEPA protocol describes two general types of radon measurements: short-term tests conducted from 48 hours up to 90 days, and long-term tests that last from 91 to 365 days. Your first test (initial/screening) should be a short-term 'worst-case' screening to see if there is a potential for high exposure to radon. Screening tests should be conducted under closed-building conditions, in the lowest lived-in area in the house, because the highest concentrations of radon will usually be found in a room closest to the underlying soil. Tests made under these conditions are less likely to miss a house with a potential for high concentrations. On the other hand, if the results of worst-case screening tests are very low, there is a high probability that the average annual concentrations in the house are also low.

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Most states have a radon office to assist citizens with general questions about radon and radon reduction techniques. Many states maintain a list of licensed or certified radon testing and mitigation professionals. You can visit [www.state-radon.info](http://www.state-radon.info) to find the list of state radon contacts, as well as links to additional radon resources in your area.

## Variations in Radon Levels - What can affect your test results and why it may be important to conduct confirmation tests.

### Conducting Follow-up Measurements

**The higher your initial (screening) tests, the sooner you should conduct follow-up measurements.** The EPA states that you should retest the same location that was tested initially. **For additional or follow-up testing**, make sure at least one test is conducted in the **lowest lived-in level** of the home. Also choose regularly used rooms, such as family rooms, dens, playrooms, or bedrooms. A bedroom on the lower level may be a good choice, because people generally spend the most time in their bedrooms (approximately one-third of the year). If there are children, it may be appropriate to test their rooms or other areas where they spend a lot of time, especially at the lower levels. All short-term follow-up tests **must** be conducted under closed-building conditions. If closed-building conditions cannot be maintained, a long-term measurement conducted under normal living conditions could be used to help estimate average annual exposures.

Tests **should not be conducted** in a kitchen or a bathroom because high humidity, exhaust fans, and other factors can adversely affect the test results. Tests **should not be conducted** in storage areas or laundry rooms, because relatively little time is spent there. Although radon in water may be a contributor to the concentration of airborne radon, radon in air should be **confirmed** before a test for radon in water is performed.

It is recommended that before spending any time or money on radon mitigation, one should conduct multiple (two or more) tests to be certain there is a need. A few more tests will most certainly cost considerably less than any mitigation work.

If follow-up measurements have **confirmed** that the average annual level of radon is equal to or greater than 4 pCi/L, the USEPA recommends that the building or home be mitigated for radon. Consider also that a future buyer is likely to demand that the building pass a radon test before purchasing.

When tests are performed in different seasons or under different weather conditions, the initial screening and follow-up tests may vary considerably. Radon levels can vary significantly between seasons, so different results **are often expected**. Even during normal weather, indoor radon levels may rise and fall by a factor of two on a daily cycle; for example, from 5 pCi/L to 10 pCi/L in 24 hours. During rapidly changing or stormy weather, the levels may change more dramatically.

If you are comparing tests, or are averaging a series of tests, bear in mind that any radon test returns only the average of the levels present during a **specific period of time** at the **precise location** of the test. Conditions during a different test period or at a different location in the building are **expected to be different**.

Test results can also vary if the radon test instructions were not carefully followed. A laboratory measuring radon in samples taken outside the lab **must rely on the person conducting the test**. For example, the wrong starting or ending date of a test will significantly affect the calculated result. The location of each radon test can also influence the result. For example, a test placed in the blowing air stream of a fan is likely to collect more radon than it would under normal conditions. Also, three tests conducted in one home, but in three different rooms, **would be expected to have at least slightly different test results**.

Test results from a properly used activated charcoal test will more closely reflect the average radon concentrations over the last three to four days of the test period. This happens because the radon collected by the activated charcoal has a radioactive half-life of only four days. This means, for example, over one-half of the radon collected during the first three days of a seven day test 'died' before the test ended.

If you have further questions regarding this test or need advice on follow-up testing, call fax or email our technical service department listed below.

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### PERFORMING RADON TESTS FOR A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION

EPA guidelines recommend that at least two short-term tests should be conducted, either together or sequentially, in the lowest level of the building usable by the buyers. If the average of all the tests is 4 pCi/L or more, the recommendation is to have the building mitigated by a certified professional. If the average is below 4 pCi/L, then no further action is necessary at this time, although testing in the future is recommended. It is **highly recommended** that any property transaction tests be conducted by a certified radon professional. To locate a listed or certified radon tester, contact your state radon office ([www.state-radon.info](http://www.state-radon.info)) or go to [www.nrpp.info](http://www.nrpp.info) to download a list of professionals certified by the National Radon Proficiency Program (NRPP).

Also visit [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon) to download the latest copy of their publication: *Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon*.

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