



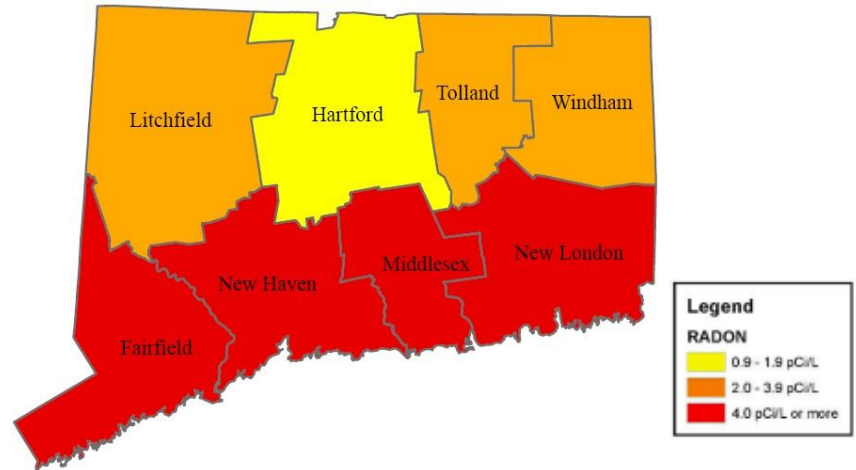
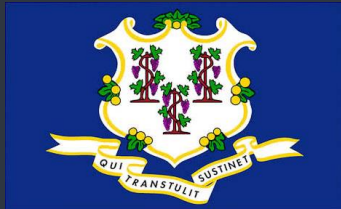
# Connecticut Radon Fact Sheet

## CONNECTICUT RADON PROGRAM

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

**Program Initiatives:** In order to reduce the number of radon-induced lung cancer deaths in CT, the Radon Program uses State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) funds that require a 40% state match to focus on the following activities:

- Providing technical assistance to local health departments, local building officials, realtors, home inspectors, other state agencies, and the general public.
- Overseeing radon measurement activities in all public schools (over 1,000 have been tested); and providing technical guidance and assistance to 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 a list of radon measurement and mitigation professionals who have been certified by the two national non-profit organizations (the 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, and mitigation.
- Collaborating with the Department of Administrative Services Office of the State Building Inspector to increase radon-resistant new construction activities throughout the state.
- Collaborating with the 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.
- Developing policies, protocols, and educational opportunities for the industry to promote the quality of radon-related activities.
- Participating in the Connecticut Cancer Partnership's CT Cancer Plan.
- Collaborating with the American Lung Association on the Lung Force Campaign



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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 and potential for exposure to mold. 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 includes in definition of "home improvement" residential water/storm restoration or mold remediation, where the total price for all work exceeds \$200. Provides 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 Environmental Health Association.

**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, but not limited to, radon and lead. The disclosure form adopted through regulation requires sellers to disclose any radon testing results and radon control systems; the presence of asbestos, lead-based paint, and basement dampness; and information about