

RADON Fact Sheet

DHHS website has good information. Just put radon in the search field & their homepage will come up. 3rd item down on the left hand side deals with testing & mitigation. There is also a list of the licensed mitigators in Nebraska. You can have people call **Mark at Nebraska State Radon (1-800-334-9491)** if they have further questions.

Our area has the second highest problem in Nebraska.

Any reputable company will come & do a free estimate. It is good to get at least 2 bids. Mark said **Quinton Esser out of Otoe, Ne** is one of the mitigator's that is located in southeast Nebraska. **Quinton's phone # is 402-297-3533**. Thrasher Basement will also do a free estimate. Their # is 1-800-827-0702. Generally it costs between \$1,000 & \$2,000 to remove radon from a home. A venting system needs to be installed, including a venting fan. It depends on the layout of your home plus the square footage.

Do-it-yourself kits are available from home improvement stores but care needs to be taken when installing so that you don't end up with moisture vapor which will condensate & freeze in cold weather causing other problems.

There is better test results when the ground is frozen. So they say January & February are good months to test.

There is no money available from the State for mitigation.

Mark is willing to come down and do a 1/2 hour program to answer questions, if there is enough interest from the community.

If they get a letter stating that they need to retest and the level is above 8, they need to retest using a long term kit that can be purchased on line from places like Radon.com. This test will run a minimum of 90 days up to a year. If the test results are really high, they can use the type of kit we have to retest.

If they already have a mitigation system in place and they don't think it is working have them call **Mark at the State at 402-326-0256**. He wants to know what is happening with the radon systems in the State.

There is a u-tube on the system where there are 2 fluid levels. If the read out is zero then that means that the fan is not running so the system is not working. If they have had a licensed mitigator install the system then his name & phone # should be on the system somewhere. They would need to call that person to have them come & check it out. If it was installed by a non-licensed person then that's a different ball game. Have them call Mark to see what needs to be done.