



Requirements for Radon Testing

“Closed House Conditions”

- Radon testing protocol requires that “closed house conditions” are started at least 12 hours prior to starting the short term radon test, and for the duration of the test period - a minimum of 48 hours. If “closed house conditions” cannot be started 12 hours prior to the test, the test will need to run for four days instead of two days.
- This requirement is done to equalize interior air pressures - all exterior doors and windows for the entire house are to be kept closed. Normal entry and exit is fine, but doors should not be propped open (e.g. no moving in or out of the home, or doing any interior painting projects, etc.). Interior doors can be used normally.
- Heating and cooling systems can be run normally, provided that they are working in a “recirculation” mode where they are not exchanging inside and outside air.
- If you usually run a dehumidifier, then you should run it during the test.
- Fans venting air to the outside (stove top fans, clothes dryers, and bathroom fans) should be used as little as possible. Do not use whole house ventilation fans during the test. Fireplaces should not be used unless they are the primary source for heating the home.
- Fans circulating air inside the house are Ok to use. Make sure your fan or vent is not blowing at the test sampling equipment. Avoid placing the test right next to the fan or vent.

Do not disturb test devices. The detectors cannot be moved, covered or have their performance altered during the test. This radon test can help assure a safe and healthy home.

For any concerns or questions, please contact Scott Robertson 202-577-4489

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