

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that is naturally occurring in rocks, soil, and water and can threaten the health of people across Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, after cigarette smoking, and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, resulting in approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year; and

*WHEREAS*; according to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately one-third of housing units in Wisconsin are occupied by renters, many of whom are often unaware of ongoing radon exposure in their homes and do not benefit from policies requiring the disclosure of radon test findings upon renting; and

*WHEREAS*; radon contamination is a pervasive issue in Wisconsin, as radon is found at elevated levels in approximately one in 10 homes across the state, with elevated levels found in all counties; and

*WHEREAS*; decreasing exposure to radon is a priority highlighted in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' (DHS) Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, and as of March 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) requires licensed child care providers to test and mitigate for radon to protect kids and employees from radon exposure; and

*WHEREAS*; radon should be tested for in all homes—new and old, rented and owned—every two years, and access to radon testing is widely available and affordable through health departments and Radon Information Centers that service the entire state, selling test kits for free or at a reduced cost; and

*WHEREAS*; reducing radon exposure can be achieved by installing a radon mitigation system in a home or building by a professional radon mitigation specialist and by empowering all Wisconsinites to understand their risk and make informed decisions about radon testing; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DHS, DCF, local health departments, and other public and private sector partners in encouraging residents and business owners to test their homes and buildings for radon, reduce elevated levels of radon, and build with active radon reduction systems;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim January 2026 as

## NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 19th day  
of December 2025.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State