

Radon Testing

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Due to the increasing demand, Micahel Hancock and Associates has now added Radon Testing to is list of inspection services. Radon is an ever growing presence. There are homes in our area that contain potentially dangerous levels of Radon, and the unsuspecting homeowners don't even know it, or have never even heard of Radon. What is Radon? Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless radioactive gas that occurs naturally in most rocks and soil. It is produced by the breakdown of Uranium in soil, rock and water. Radon is harmless dispersed in outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings can increase the risk of lung cancer, especially at elevated levels. What is the health risk? According to the Surgeon Genreral, exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. According to the EPA's 2003 Assesment of Risks from Radon in Homes, radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year. Radon is not known to cause other illnesses or problems such as upper respiartory infection, colds or allergic reactions. It's only known health effect is the increased risk of developing lung cancer.