

Radon Testing Protocols

We have been requested to conduct a radon gas screening in conjunction with the home inspections. The measurement requires that the following conditions be maintained for 12 hours prior to, and during the testing:

1. All windows on all levels of the home must be kept closed.
2. All exterior doors must be kept closed except for momentary entrance and exit.
3. The thermostat should be set to “heat” or “cool”, with the fan on “auto”, and with the temperature set to between 65 and 80 degree Fahrenheit. This must be maintained during the entire test period.
4. Dryers, range hoods, and bathroom fans may be operated normally, but not continuously.
5. Whole house fans, window fans, and fireplaces/wood burning stoves should not be operated during the test. Window fans should be sealed or removed. Fireplace dampers should be closed. If the fireplace/wood burning stove is the “primary” source of heat for the home, it may be operated.
6. Window air conditioners can be used, but only if they can be set on “re-circulate”.

DO NOT DISTURB, MOVE, OR INTERFERE WITH THE RADON TESTING DEVICE.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), non-compliance with these conditions may invalidate the testing and require that it be repeated. [If the test must be repeated, it may be at the seller’s expense.]

If you have any questions, or feel that you will not be able to follow the radon measurement protocols listed above, please contact us ASAP.

Thank you,
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