

Building a New Home?

Clay County Environmental Health recommends that all new homes in Clay County be built to include radon-resistant construction features that minimize radon entry into the home and make future radon problems easier to fix should they occur. It is more cost-effective to include radon-resistant features when building a home rather than retrofitting an existing home. If elevated radon levels are found after you move in, radon-resistant features can be easily activated to become radon reduction systems. Ask your builder if they are currently using radon-resistant construction techniques.

All newly built homes in Clay County should be tested for radon after they are completed and occupied. Early detection of elevated radon levels can help protect the homeowner's financial interests if the radon problem is due to construction problems and can allow the homeowner to take appropriate actions to lower the radon level and protect the health of their family.

The only way to determine if your home has high levels of radon is to test. A free test (while supplies last) is available from the Clay County Environmental Health Office located at 300 West 4th Street, Suite 6, Spencer. These test kits are made available thanks to a grant received from the Iowa Air Coalition. For more information about testing you can contact Tammy McKeever at 712-262-8165 or the Iowa Radon Hotline at 1-800-383-5992.