

ALLERGEN

Why should we test for Allergens?

An allergen is a substance that can cause an allergic reaction. Almost anything can be an allergen. (house dust mites, pollen from trees and grasses, cats, dogs, and insects.) When a person with allergies breathes in an allergen, the result could be itching and swelling, mucus production, and in serious cases, hives and rashes. You may develop an allergic reaction to particles in an indoor or outdoor environment that leads to hay fever-like symptoms. Symptoms will vary in severity from person to person.



Home allergen test kits are ideal for the family that wants to know what types of allergens are in their homes.

**Protect your family and home.
Purchase an Allergen Test kit from
Cardinal Environmental today.**

A summary of steps for Allergen testing follows...

1. Remove "Bio-Scan400" from the enclosed plastic case.
2. Select an area of concern (e.g. Desk, Wall, Air Handler, etc.)
3. Peel back the white backing paper to expose the adhesive side. (DO NOT PEEL OFF ADHESIVE)
4. Place the sticky side against the surface you wish to test.
5. Gently reseal the white backing paper back on the Bio-Scan400.
6. Place the Bio-Scan400 back in the plastic case
7. Complete the enclosed form.
8. Attach postage and mail

***Read kit supplied instructions thoroughly.**

MOLD

Why should we test for Mold?

Mold is a type of fungus that grows on plants and fibers and is most often associated with damp and musty locations such as basements or bathrooms. Mold is most common indoors in fabrics, rugs, stuffed animals, books, or wallpaper. In addition to its unsightly appearance, mold can present a hazard to one's health. (It is also an allergen and an irritant) The quantity of mold fragments and spores needed to cause health problems varies from person to person. Recent studies have linked mold to the rapid rise in the asthma rate over the past 20 years. Studies implicate fungus as the main cause of chronic sinusitis (sinus infection) and can increase your susceptibility to a wide variety of diseases by weakening your immune system.

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A summary of steps for Mold testing follows...

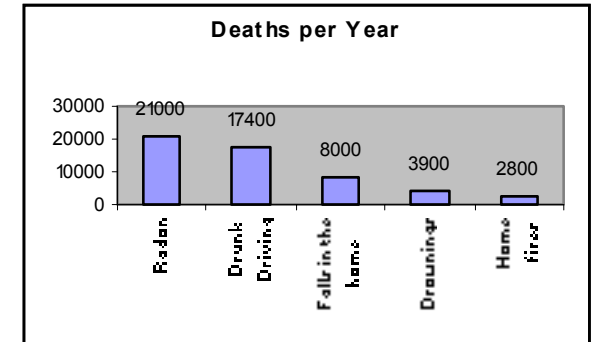
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RADON

Why should we test for Radon?

The Surgeon General of the United States notes: radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in our country, only smoking causes more lung cancer deaths.



Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the Earth's crust. It is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas. Radon gas enters homes through tiny cracks and crevices along the walls and foundation of your home. The only way to know the Radon level in your home is to measure it.

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A summary of steps for Radon testing follows...

1. All exterior doors and windows on all floors should be closed for 12 hours prior to test and must remain closed during the test period
2. Select an area in the lowest *livable* area of the home (including crawl spaces) to place the test kit.
3. Open the test kit box lid and flip the lid open on the red vial(s).
4. DO NOT REMOVE THE RED VIALS FROM THE BOX.
5. Leave the kit for a minimum of 48 hours to a maximum of 96 hours.
6. Complete the enclosed form
7. Mail the kit and completed form in the prepaid box

***Read kit supplied instructions thoroughly.**