Am I alone in being concerned about radon?

Absolutely not! Hundreds of thousands of people around the country have had homes tested for radon before purchasing them. Similarly, thousands of residents have had quiet, economical, and effective radon systems installed in their homes and businesses.

Should I have the house fixed before or after I take possession?

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Real Estate Transaction

EPA recommends reducing radon in your home, even if it is not required to sell it. Radon can be reduced. If you intend to sell your home, reducing radon can make your home sell faster and for a better price. Radon can be reduced. Reduced radon levels can also lower the risk of lung cancer in your home.

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Radon - What is It?

Radon is an invisible, odorless radioactive gas created from natural deposits of uranium in the soil. Radon gas can be drawn into a building with a radon system installed beneath the slab, through a sump lid connection or in a crawl space. Radon gas may also have radon reduction systems that are installed beneath a home, and will keep radon out of the home. Radon reduction systems have been shown to be effective in reducing radon levels in homes.

How prevalent is radon in The U.S.?

Surveys conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) indicate that approximately 7% of the homes in the US are in excess of the US EPA's action level of 4.0 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L). The chance of finding a radon concern in a home or a property is relatively low. However, the only way to know if a home has elevated levels of radon is to have the house tested. This is easy to do. There are many testing companies and home inspectors who offer radon measurement services.

Don't despair if you find elevated radon concentrations!

Reliable reduction techniques have been developed that effectively control radon in buildings. Finding a home with a radon system already installed is a plus. Having a radon system in place provides peace of mind, and may enhance future resale value. Just as a water drainage problem can be fixed with a sump pump or a leaky roof can be repaired, a radon system can be installed to reduce radon and at far less cost than many other home repairs.

How expensive are these systems to install and operate?

A radon reduction system consists of plastic pipe connected to the soil either through a hole in a slab, via a sump lid connection or beneath a plastic sheet in a crawl space. Attached to the pipe is a quiet, continuously operating fan that discharges the radon outdoors. These reduction systems are called Active Soil Depressurization Systems or Active Soil Venting Systems.

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