



From the desk of the MLA for Great Slave

Jurisdictional Scan of Public Radon Testing and Mitigation Supports in Canada

Overview

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas and the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking. The importance of radon testing and mitigation is nationally recognized, and the *National Building Code of Canada* includes requirements for radon-resistant construction in high-risk areas.ⁱ Mitigation in existing private households typically costs \$2,000 to \$3,000.ⁱⁱ At the federal level, support for private households includes initiatives such as the *Take Action on Radon* program and the *100 Test Kit Challenge*, which partners with local Non-Governmental Organizations to distribute 100 free test kits to 10 or more Canadian municipalities a year.ⁱⁱⁱ

Provincially, most health authorities provide educational resources on radon testing and mitigation and implement mitigating measures within public buildings and public housing. Support for private households varies by province.

National and provincial lung associations also play a role in supporting private households. The Canadian Lung Association, through the *Lungs Matter* program, provides grants of up to \$1,500 for private household radon mitigation.^{iv} The program is offered in multiple provinces, and eligibility is limited to low-income households and individuals diagnosed with lung cancer.

On the following pages is a jurisdictional scan outlining the available radon testing and mitigation supports across Canada.

Jurisdictional Scan

| Province | Provincial Radon Mitigation/Testing Program(s) |
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| Alberta | Radon Care, an Alberta-based firm that specializes in radon testing and mitigation, has indicated that radon mitigation may be considered an eligible expense under the Seniors' Home Adaptation and Repair Program; however, radon is not explicitly listed. ^v The program provides low-interest home equity loans of up to \$40,000 to seniors for home repairs, subject to income thresholds. ^{vi} |
| British Columbia | There are no provincial programs that explicitly support radon mitigation or testing. |
| Manitoba | The <i>Home Energy Efficiency Loan</i> from Manitoba Hydro offers up to \$5,000 for radon mitigation, repayable over five years at 6.2% interest. ^{vii} Monthly payments are made through the applicant's energy bill, and certified contractors are paid directly by Manitoba Hydro. There are no income thresholds for eligibility. |
| New Brunswick | NB Lung has indicated that radon mitigation is considered an eligible expense under the <i>Homeowner Repair Program</i> ; however, radon is not explicitly listed. ^{viii} The program provides partially forgivable loans of up to \$20,000 to low-income individuals for home repairs. ^{ix} |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | There are no provincial programs that explicitly support radon mitigation or testing. |
| Nova Scotia | The <i>Radon Reduction Grant Program</i> offers a grant of up to \$2,500 for radon mitigation and free radon detector kits to low-income households. ^x The program is funded by the provincial government and administered in partnership with the provincial lung association, LungNSPEI. |

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| Ontario | <p>Ontario's <i>New Home Warranty</i>, administered by Tarion, covers radon discovery for up to \$50,000 in homes under seven years old, with testing the responsibility of homeowners.^{xi} This coverage is unique to Ontario.</p> <p>The City of Toronto has indicated that radon mitigation may be considered an eligible expense under the <i>Ontario Renovates Program</i>; however, radon is not explicitly listed.^{xii} The program provides partially forgivable loans of up to \$25,000 to seniors for home repairs, subject to income thresholds.^{xiii}</p> |
| Prince Edward Island | <p>The <i>PEI Home Renovation Program</i> offers a grant of up to \$12,000 for radon mitigation in low-income households.^{xiv} Funding amounts are determined using an income scale.</p> |
| Quebec | <p>The <i>Habitation Durable</i> program provides subsidies for home renovations, including radon mitigation.^{xv} The project is administered as a joint provincial-municipal program, where municipalities who elect to participate set individual program parameters.</p> |
| Saskatchewan | <p>Lung Sask has indicated that radon mitigation is considered an eligible expense under the <i>Home Renovation Tax Credit</i>; however, radon is not explicitly listed.^{xvi} The non-refundable tax credit provides up to \$420 annually in tax relief. Households may claim 10.5 percent on up to \$4,000 in eligible expenses.^{xvii}</p> |
| Northwest Territories | <p>There are no territorial programs that explicitly support radon mitigation or testing.</p> |
| Nunavut | <p>There are no territorial programs that explicitly support radon mitigation or testing.</p> |
| Yukon | <p>The <i>Home Repair Program</i> provides grants of up to \$10,000 for emergency repairs and loans of up to \$70,000 for general home repairs.^{xviii} The Government of Yukon has explicitly stated that radon</p> |

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| | mitigation is an eligible expense, though it is unclear whether this applies to both the grant and loan components. ^{xix} |
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<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/radiation/radon-reduction-guide-canadians-health-canada.html>

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-risks-safety/radiation/radon/action-guides/municipalities/subsidies-incentives-energy-efficiency.html>

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<https://www.lungnspei.ca/radonreductiongrantprogram>

^{xi} Tarion. (n.d.). *How your new home warranty protects you against the dangers of radon gas*.
<https://www.tarion.com/media/how-your-new-home-warranty-protects-you-against-dangers-radon-gas>

^{xii} City of Toronto. (n.d.). *Radon and your health*.
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<https://www.ontario.ca/document/guide-programs-and-services-seniors/home-and-housing>

^{xiv} Government of Prince Edward Island. (2024). *Radon*.
<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-and-wellness/radon#Reduce>

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^{xvii} Government of Saskatchewan. (n.d.). *Home renovation tax credit*.

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^{xviii} Government of Yukon. (n.d.). *Apply for a loan to repair your home*.

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