



NH Radon Program First Annual Radon Poster Contest

The NH Radon Program, a program within the Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), is launching a radon poster contest for New Hampshire students in grades 5-8! This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and to inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

Radon is a gas that is naturally occurring in the environment. In New Hampshire, 1 in 3 homes have elevated levels. We hope you will share the attached fact sheet with your students and colleagues and engage them in conversation around [radon](#) and getting their homes tested. *Test kits are available at <http://aelabs.com/nh> for free.*

State Contest

Contest winners will receive CASH AWARDS. The artwork from the winners and honorable mentions will be made into a calendar and provided to participating classes.

First Place:

- \$100 prize for first place in grades 5-6
- \$100 prize for first place in grades 7-8
- \$100 prize for each winning classroom

Second Place:

- \$75 prize for first place grades 5-6
- \$75 prize for first place grades 7-8
- \$100 prize for each winning classroom

Third Place:

- \$50 prize for first place grades 5-6
- \$50 prize for first place grades 7-8
- \$100 prize for each winning classroom





Schedule

- December 3 – Entries due to NH Radon Program
- December 17 – Winners announced
- December 31 – Calendars mailed

Submission Requirements

Mail submissions with student and teacher names on the back and complete [submission form](#).

Mail submissions to:

Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public Health Services
C/O Lynne Clement
29 Hazen Drive
Concord NH 03301

Submission Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/radoncontest2021>

Eligibility Requirements

- Children in grades 5-8 can participate in one of two categories. Category 1: Grades 5-6 and Category 2: Grades 7-8.

Poster Topics—Choose from the Following Five Topics

1. What is radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.



Artwork Requirements

- White paper
- Preferred sizes are 11" X 17" – OR – 8.5" X 11"
- No student names on the front of the poster–can put name on the back of poster
- Include a title on the front
- Topic and title must be on the artwork
- Posters can be created with crayon, markers, paint, pencil, photographs or computer graphics
- **Cannot use copyrighted logos – will be immediately disqualified*

Judging Criteria

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of the topic
- Ability to reproduce
- Originality

Tips for a Good Poster

- A good poster will make people STOP, READ, REMEMBER and TAKE ACTION.
- Read the rules/guidelines carefully and follow the directions.
- Be sure that the information that you put on the poster is correct.
- Do some research about Radon. Go to <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/radon/index.htm> to learn more about what radon is and where it comes from.

- Posters can be created with crayon, colored pencils, markers, paint, collage, photographs, or computer graphics.
 - If you use photographs be sure that they are focused and appropriate photographs (makes it easier to recognize)
 - When using computer graphics, do not use copyrighted logos (will be eliminated)
- Think of your poster as a billboard advertisement on this topic.
- THINK & BE CREATIVE. Come up with a catchy idea or ideas.
- Start out by drawing or sketching your idea or ideas onto a regular piece of paper.
- Ask adults to critique your ideas and tell you what they think.
- GREEN, RED, BLUE or black letters look best on white paper.
- Use short phrases instead of long sentences.
- Do not use different colors for each word or letter. It makes it hard to read.
- Do not draw tiny or put too many drawings on your paper – Less is better!
- HAVE FUN!!

Questions?

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