



Quality is not an act, it is a habit.

- Aristotle

Homes built to actively reduce radon risk will be on Parade this year

Thirteen Parade Homes meet MDH Gold Standard for Radon Resistant New Construction

Gonyea Homes

- 16010 - 54th Ave North, Plymouth, MN (Parade #180)
- *15805 - 55th Ave North, Plymouth, MN (Parade #186)
- *17555 Duck Lake Trail, Eden Prairie, MN (Parade #275)
- * Not available for showing

Hanson Builders

- 11725 Naples Circle, Blaine, MN (Parade #260)
- 890 Woodland Ave, Little Canada, MN (Parade #14)
- 16025 - 54th Ave North, Plymouth, MN (Parade #181)
- 15720 - 54th Ave North, Plymouth, MN (Parade #184)

For the first time, select builders in the Minnesota Parade of Homes® are taking action to make their homes healthier by building homes to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Gold Standard for Radon Resistant New Construction, reducing the homeowner's risk of radon-induced lung cancer. According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), approximately 800 Minnesotans die each year from radon-induced lung cancer. All of these deaths are avoidable.

Building homes to the MDH Gold Standard can virtually eliminate the risk of radon-induced lung cancer. Current new construction code requires a passive radon system to be installed, but these systems are not effective enough to reduce radon levels in all new homes. Gold Standard

Hartman Homes

- 9929 Tapestry Rd, Lake Elmo, MN (Parade #18)

Pratt Homes

- 4460 Fable Hill Pkwy North, Hugo, MN (Parade #3)
- 4670 Flora Way, Hugo, MN (Parade #4)
- 1281 Palisade Circle, Woodbury, MN (Parade #37)
- 7063 Waterstone Lane, Woodbury, MN (Parade #50)

Redstone Builders

- 813 Riverview Lane, Belle Plaine, MN (Parade #92)

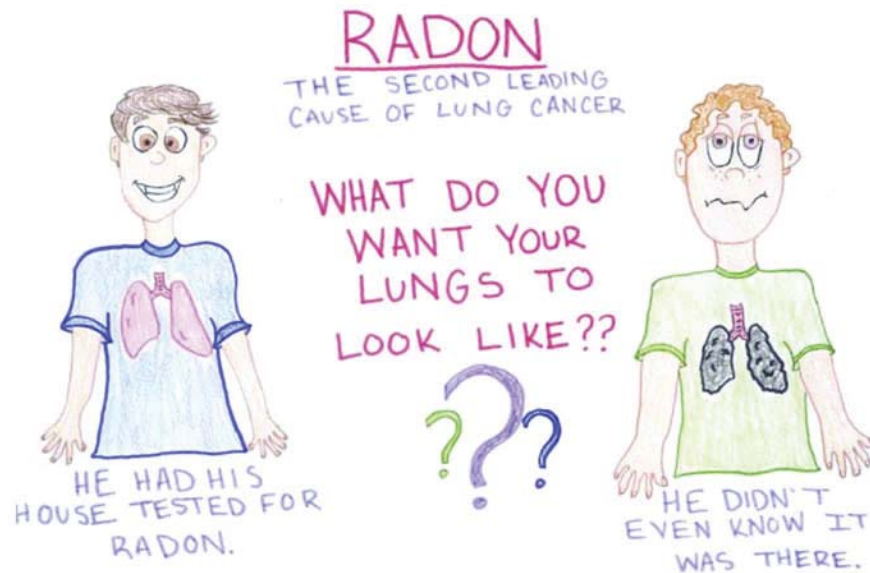
homes are built to the same code, but they include a fan to actively draw radon from below the home and vent it above the roofline. By installing radon fans in new homes, to meet the MDH Gold Standard, builders are working to protect the health of the families that will live in those homes. This year, 13 Gold Standard homes from 5 different builders will be among those on the tour.

To learn more about the Gold Standard or to find a Gold Standard Parade Home visit the MDH Radon website at www.health.state.mn.us/goldstandard or call the Minnesota Department of Health Indoor Air Unit at 651-201-4601 or 800-798-9050.

New Environmental Protection Agency Grant

We were awarded a new State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) to continue our radon program activities through September 30, 2014. SIRG is a federal grant created under the 1988 Indoor Radon Abatement Act (IRAA) and administrated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This grant distributes money to state and tribal agencies for the purpose of protecting the health of the public from the risks of radon related lung cancer.

2012 State and National Radon Poster Contest



The radon program will once again be coordinating this year's State Radon Poster Contest in partnership with Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The entries for the national contest will come from State Radon Contests winners. Due to budget reductions, there will be no Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Symposium in Washington DC, the venue at which recent winners of the poster contest received their awards. The winners of the National Poster Contest will receive fiscal gift cards (amounts to be determined but likely \$1000 for first place, \$600 for second place, \$400 for third, and \$400 for online recognition) and plaques. We will work to recognize national winners in the state and EPA region where they live, and the posters will be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.

Please help us publicize this contest by encouraging children ages 9-14 within your community to enter this worthwhile event. If you have any questions or need more information about this event, please contact Tina Leland at 651-201-4540 or by email at tina.leland@state.mn.us.



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