



May 2017 Bond Radon Mitigation

With the passage of the May 2017 Health and Safety Bond, just over 1.1 million dollars became available to mitigate radon levels in Portland Public Schools.

Radon Mitigation Work is Underway

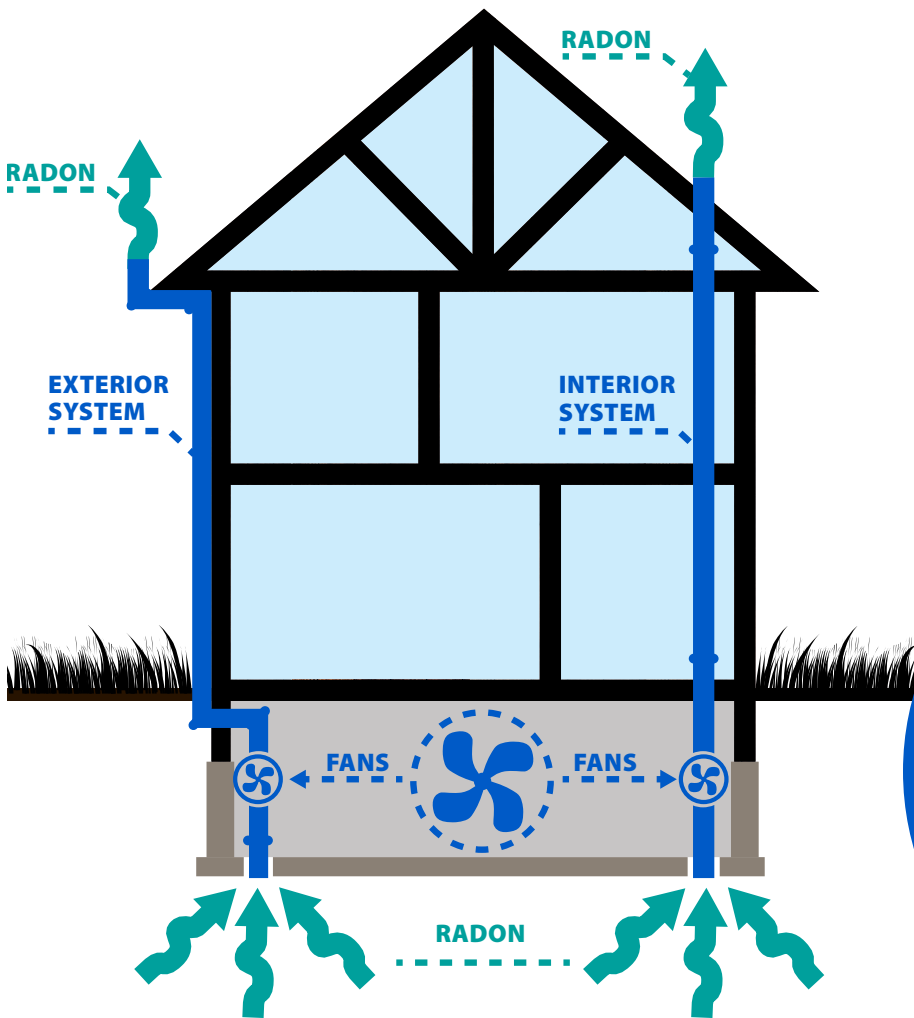
Several radon projects were started prior to the May 2017 bond using emergency funding from the district. Over the last several months crews have made significant progress in mitigating radon from problem sites across the district.

Testing For Radon Began in 2016

PPS began testing for radon in the spring of 2016 in order to comply with the state legislation, that mandates radon testing in every public school by January 2021. PPS has completed its testing work well in advance of the state deadlines.

PPS will retest every five years

In accordance with Oregon Health Authority protocols, all regularly occupied ground level rooms in schools that have been mitigated for radon will be re-tested every five years.



An Invisible Threat

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that you can't see, smell or taste.

There are high levels of naturally occurring radon in several locations throughout Portland. Radon can seep up through the soil and enter buildings, like homes, schools and workplaces.

If mitigation is needed - a vent pipe system with a fan is constructed. The system pulls the radon from beneath the structure up through the vent to the roof where it safely disperses into the outside air.

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