



Radon in Georgia

Georgia Radon Education Program

Newsletter and Outreach Report

January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2021

The UGA Radon Program is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

National Radon Action Month Goes Virtual for January 2021

The UGA Radon Program adjusted its plans for Georgia Radon Action Month this year to keep classes virtual and from a distance. Rather than meet in person as the program normally does, courses on how to use a test kit and how to find a radon mitigator took place over Zoom. Program participants received complimentary kits for their participation in the webinars.

Webinars took place with attendees from all across Georgia, with attendees from Union to Chatham counties. Over 200 participants attended webinars in the state of Georgia alone.

Sources of Radiation to US Population

Sources	Radon & Thoron	Computed Tomography	Nuclear Medicine	Interventional Fluoroscopy	Space	Conventional Radiography/Fluoroscopy	Internal	Terrestrial	Consumer	Occupational	Industrial
Units	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem	mrem
United States	228	147	77	43	33	33	29	21	13	0.5	0.3
International	2.28	1.47	0.77	0.43	0.33	0.33	0.29	0.21	0.13	0.005	0.003

(Source: National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements, Report No. 160)

Virtual webinar taking place with participants across north Georgia

Georgia Radon Educators at Work

Radon Program Delivers Webinar to Public Health professionals Across the US in Partnership with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Healthy Homes Partnership

The UGA Radon Program was invited to assist in delivering a webinar on partnerships it has created to better serve the Georgia Community. The target audience for the webinar was: HUD and other Federal agency staff, health care providers staff, staff in community based organizations, property management firms, nonprofits in the housing and health arenas, HUD grantees, HUD and other Federal agencies.

Over 200 participants joined the webinar to discuss various radon programs across the country. The UGA Radon Program highlighted its position in the UGA Extension System, partnerships with local healthcare providers, and partnerships with real estate agents across the state. The UGA Radon Program hopes to continue to grow its network in an effort to increase radon testing and mitigation in Georgia.

The other speakers at the webinar included Dr. Sarah Kirby, Professor, Assistant Director, Extension Housing Specialist, NC State Extension, North Carolina State University; and Phillip Gibson, NC Radon Program Coordinator, NC Radiation Protection, NC Department of Health and Human Services.

Additionally Ines Beltran of UGA Extension Services delivered a separate webinar in Spanish highlighting the importance of radon testing and mitigation.

Do you want to host a radon webinar for your workplace, HOA, or club?

Reach out to the UGA Radon Program at:
UGARadon@uga.edu

Radon Outreach

Program Contacts & Media Impressions October through December 2020

GA SIRG REPORT January-March 2021

PROGRAM CONTACTS	Total
Programs-Meetings	12
Participants	520
Materials Distributed	0
Exhibits-Events	0
Participants	0
Materials Distributed	0
OTHER CONTACTS	Total
Total Contacts	234
Medical Professionals	1
Home Builders	3
Realtors	10
Consumer Contacts	220
KIT USAGE DATA	Total
Kits Distributed	903
Results Received	634
≥ 4.0 pCi/L	113
< 4.0 pCi/L	414
Incomplete	113
% ≥ 4.0 pCi/L	22%
Highest Level	44.6
MITIGATION DATA	Total
RRNC ²	17
Mitigations ³	1,023
Mitigation Referrals	113
MEDIA IMPRESSIONS	Total
Radio	1
Listeners	1,350
Television	
Viewers	
Newspaper ⁶	9
Circulation	45,000
Newsletter	2
Distribution	233,656
Local Web Hits ⁴	
GA SIRG Web Hits ⁵	4,346
TOTAL IMPRESSIONS	

¹Other includes radon education/results of former educators & county FACS/4-H Agents.

²Reported annually by Southface and building professionals

³Mitigation & RRNCs completed by Certified Mitigators are reported annually.

⁴Began tracking Jan 1, 2010

⁵Web hits for www.UGAradon.org are shared equally among the radon educators.

⁶As of 4/20/18 circulation numbers are reported in full

Radon Outreach

Program Contacts & Media Impressions Apr. 2003 through Sep. 2020

April 2003 through March 2021

PROGRAM CONTACTS	Hall	DeKalb	Gwinnett	Elbert	Walton	Southface	Other ¹	Totals
Programs / Meetings	397	187	266	193	624	1,084	27	2,778
Participants	12,496	4,335	15,112	3,866	23,080	17,946	2,099	78,934
Materials Distributed	21,015	11,441	15,887	6,595	46,547	9,184	75	110,744
Exhibits or Events ¹	686	86	175	63	175	67	31	1,283
Participants	51,167	6,558	146,287	11,978	161,033	13,798	2,996	393,817
Materials Distributed	107,583	8,947	50,145	8,057	26,470	1,296	1,346	203,844
OTHER CONTACTS	Hall	DeKalb	Gwinnett	Elbert	Walton	Southface	Other	Totals
Total Direct Contacts	10,092	1,385	1,216	475	5,507	12,268	52	29,952
Medical professionals	604	51	242	56	905	0	24	1,882
Home builders	401	29	43	45	378	10,082	0	10,978
Realtors	821	93	85	25	209	836	28	2,097
Consumer Contacts	8,266	1,212	846	349	4,015	1,350	0	16,038
KIT USAGE DATA	Hall	DeKalb	Gwinnett	Elbert	Walton	Southface	Other	Totals
Kits Distributed	17,404	4,275	7,895	2,893	12,183	5,192	4,600	54,442
Test Results Received	8,930	1,622	2,477	1,354	6,309	1,060	849	22,601
Highest Level	66.6	31.3	54.4	44.0	85.8	77.1	0.0	85.8
MITIGATION DATA	Hall	DeKalb	Gwinnett	Elbert	Walton	Southface	Other	Totals
Mitigation Referrals	2,696	249	361	91	751	412	0	4,560
Mitigations ^{2,3,7}	8,522							
RRNC ³	1,497							
MEDIA IMPRESSIONS	Hall	DeKalb	Gwinnett	Elbert	Walton	Southface	Other	Totals
Radio Outreach	124	11	8	4,278	137	1	2	4,561
Listening Audience	5,088,377	3,670,000	10,000	4,020,000	2,693,000	2,000	377,000	15,860,377
TV Outreach	140	75	713	8	279	2	437	1,654
Viewing Audience	25,170,100	12,733,000	73,981,740	15,080	27,894,200	1,328,000	8,385,000	149,507,120
Newspaper Outreach	129	4	19	13	102	0	6	273
Circulation ⁶	3,337,036	3,223,000	1,304,817	154,800	3,545,449	0	69,500	11,634,602
Newsletter Outreach	5	2	14	17	56	9	16	119
Distribution	423,896	249	16,746	9,215	1,832,280	903,048	6,054	3,191,488
Local Web Hits ⁵	1,126	1,044	20,600	0	12,000	0	0	34,770
State Web Hits ⁶	112,032					51,296	0	163,328
TOTAL IMPRESSIONS	34,042,941	19,649,699	75,356,309	4,221,501	35,999,335	2,284,344	8,837,554	178,953,423

¹Other includes radon education/results of former radon educators and county FACS/4-H Agents.

²Reported annually by Southface and building professionals

³Certified GA mitigators reported their mitigations & RRNCs annually through 2018.

⁴Began tracking Jan. 1, 2010

⁵UGA Radon Program web hits are shared equally among the 5 radon educators

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⁷Mitigation data reflect installations during 2018 that were collected during this reporting period

Radon Resources & Contacts

Radon Hotline Numbers

National Hotlines

Kansas State University / EPA 1-800-SOS-RADON (1-800-767-7236)
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

National Hispanic Indoor Air Quality 1-800-725-8312

The Radon Fix It Line: (National Safety Program) 1-800-644-6999

Get live help for your radon questions 1-800-55RADON (557-2366)*

Radon Fix-It Hotline—General information on reducing radon levels 1-800-644-6999*

Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-426-4791

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