

2015 S.C. RADON POSTER CONTEST



First place winner of the
2014 National Radon Poster Contest
Maison, Age 13 of Provo, UT

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is sponsoring its sixth statewide radon poster contest. Help spread an important public health message by entering this contest!

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that forms when uranium breaks down in rocks and soil. Radon gas moves through the ground to the surface and can enter homes and buildings. There is no way to know the radon level unless it is tested. Testing for radon is important because radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

The Contest and Prizes:

The S.C. poster contest will have three overall winners and two Honorable Mention awards chosen by a judging panel.

Overall Awards

- First place will receive a \$125 gift card and a \$25 gift card to the school.
- Second place will receive a \$100 gift card and a \$25 gift card to the school.
- Third place will receive a \$75 gift card and a \$25 gift card to the school.

Honorable Mention Awards

- Two Honorable Mention awards, one for 11 years old & younger and one for 12 years old & older. Each Honorable Mention will receive a \$50 gift card and a \$25 gift card to the school.

A ceremony will honor the winners. All winners will be entered into the National Radon Poster Contest sponsored by Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The National winners will receive gift cards in the amount of \$1000 for first place, \$600 for second, \$400 for third, and \$400 for special online voting recognition. National winners' posters will also be reproduced. The National winners will be notified by December 8, 2014.

Eligibility:

Children ages 9-14, enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense or home school, or through a sponsoring club (such as an art, computer, or science club, scouting organization, or 4-H Club) are eligible.

Poster Topics:

One of the following radon topics must be depicted in the artwork:

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:

- Artwork must be original.
- Must not have student's name on the front of the artwork.
- Posters should have a title on the front.
- The topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (available at www.scdhec.gov/radon).
- Submit on white paper. Size preferred is 12x8 or 8.5x11 but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs or computer graphics.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos, trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

Judging Criteria:

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

Entry Submission:

- Entries can be submitted after February 1, 2014 but by October 31, 2014.
- Only one entry may be submitted per child.
- The Artwork Submission Form must be completed and legible, and submitted with the poster (preferably taped to the back of the poster).
- The Artwork Submission Form is available at www.scdhec.gov/radon.

The poster entry and Artwork Submission Form must be received no later than October 31, 2014. Submit all entries to: S.C. Radon Poster Contest, DHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

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