



Home Tips



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Q & A

Home Radon Detector?

We are concerned about radon gas in our home. Is there a detector we can install to alert us of a problem?

Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and every home should be tested to determine if there is a risk present. The Safety Siren Pro Series 3 Electronic Radon



Detector from Family Safety Products is the only radon gas detector we have found that is designed for use by the homeowner. This low cost, consumer oriented digital radon detector allows the homeowner to monitor the radon level in their home with an easy-to-read digital display. The manufacturer states that the device has been tested by EPA approved laboratories and has been proven to accurately measure radon.

The radon detector is designed to plug into a standard 110-volt household outlet using the attached 10 foot power cord.

The detector may be placed face-up on a tabletop, counter top, or any flat surface where the ventilation slots will not be blocked. The radon detector provides a continuous reading of the radon level in your home.

Please note that this detector should not be used as a substitute for performing a conventional radon test in your home or for professional applications. The device is suitable for monitoring home radon levels only after an initial assessment has been performed using conventional test kits or by a radon professional.

Further, periodic testing using conventional test kits should be done in conjunction with the detector to ensure it is working properly. Radon is odorless and colorless, and there is no way to ensure the device is working properly without such cross checks. Please see our combo offer below to include a discounted conventional test kit with your order.

The radon detector has the following features:

- A radon detector is a specialty item and not available in most retail stores
- Digital readout displays actual level of radon in the home in pCi/L
- Provides a short-term average readout of the last seven days and a long term cumulative average readout from the day it was first plugged in. (both averages can easily be reset)
- Audible alarm sounds if the long-term measurement reaches 4.0 pCi/L or if the short-term measurement stays above 4.0 pCi/L for 30 consecutive days
- 10 foot power cord allows the detector to be placed away from walls, windows, and doors.
- Samples air continuously
- Sensor uses Ionization Chamber technology
- Advanced surface mount circuitry increases reliability
- One year manufacturer warranty

The Safety Siren Pro Series 3 Electronic Radon Detector can be purchased direct from Sylvane at:

<http://www.sylvane.com/safety-siren-pro-series3-radon.html> or call 1-800-934-9194. The cost is \$129.95 plus shipping.



More Junk Mail?

The post office is changing the rules for direct marketers, making it cheaper and easier for them to fill up your mail box with offers you may want or simply do not want. It's called "saturation mail" for a reason. Everyone on your street and town gets it. But, there are some simple steps you can take to stop the increase hitting your mailbox.



With deficits [running into the billions](#) and the threat of canceling Saturday delivery, the USPS has relaxed rules on direct mailers in hopes MORE direct mail will get sent, making the USPS more revenue. Traditionally, a piece of mail or parcel had to have your address on the mailing label. It could be addressed to "Resident" or "Current Occupant." This meant mailers had to buy and manage expensive mailing lists, increasing the total cost of the mailing.

New rules allow the mailers to saturate a city or town without having to deal with lists. If there are 50,000 houses in your town and a credit card company wants everyone to have an offer, they simply send 50,000 pieces to the post office without addresses and marked "Carrier Route." Every mailbox gets one!

Obviously, increased junk mail has an environmental impact, but there are steps you can take to minimize the impact. Also, you can limit the amount of junk emails.

The Direct Marketing Association has a great site at <https://www.dmachoice.org>. Once you register here you can then choose what catalogs you want to receive or those you want to block. If you dig deeper, you can get your name off lists for charities and product offers.

This action will not stop credit card and financial offers. To stop the flow of these offers, you have to visit

https://www.optoutprescreen.com/opt_form.cgi. The site is managed by the big credit bureaus that credit cards companies and banks work with in making offers to consumers.

Another highly recommended site is <https://www.catalogchoice.org/>. This non-profit group got its start in the ecology/green movement and over 1.3 million households now manage what comes into their mailboxes.

You can even cancel your phonebook! (But save one to show your grandchildren because they will probably never see one.)

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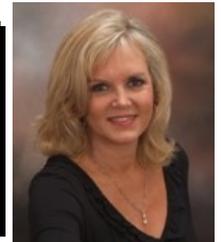
Quote Of The Month

"Manners are like the zero in arithmetic; they may not be much in themselves, but they are capable of adding a great deal to the value of everything else."

Freya Stark

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