



# 2025 Missouri Radon Poster Contest

## Opportunity for Students

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas produced by the natural decay of uranium in the soil. Radon can enter homes or buildings and may concentrate at elevated levels. Exposure to elevated radon levels increases the risk of developing lung cancer. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is responsible for over 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year. All Missouri counties are considered at high risk, and this contest provides an opportunity to educate Missouri youth and residents about radon. By participating in this activity, students will learn about radon and how to reduce their risk of exposure.

In order to spread the message about radon's health hazards, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, hosts a statewide Missouri Radon Poster Contest annually. We are once again calling on Missouri artists ages 9-14 to create a radon poster that will increase public awareness of radon gas and encourage others to test their homes.

A state committee will select the top winning posters from the entire state of Missouri to receive awards.

**Overall winner (most total votes) will receive \$200 (1 award total)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place winner for each topic will receive \$100 (6 total awards)**

**Each winner's instructor will also receive a \$50 award (7 total awards)**

Full Contest details and additional radon information is available on the Missouri Radon Program website: [health.mo.gov/radon](https://health.mo.gov/radon). If you have questions about the contest, please email [Radon@health.mo.gov](mailto:Radon@health.mo.gov).

### Contest Checklist:

- ✓ Verify that the student and poster meet all requirements listed on the next page.
- ✓ Confirm that all information and spelling on each poster is correct.
- ✓ An entry form must be attached to the back of each poster entry.
- ✓ Entries must be postmarked on or before October 11, 2025

**\*\* Entries should be mailed to: Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services  
Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology/Radon Program  
P.O. Box 570  
Jefferson City, MO 65102**



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH &  
SENIOR SERVICES**

*In partnership with:*





# 2025 Missouri Radon Poster Contest

## Poster Guidelines

### Topics

*Please use one of the following set topics as a theme for your poster:*

- **What is radon?**
- **Where does radon come from?**
- **How does radon get into our homes?**
- **Radon can cause lung cancer**
- **Test your home for radon**
- **Mitigating radon in your home**

### What the judges will be looking for:

- Accuracy of the poster content
- Visual communication of the topic
- Correct spelling and/or no grammatical errors
- Reproducibility of poster (large letters, good contrast)
- Originality of the poster (not resembling a past winner)

### Requirements for Participants

- Participants must be 9-14 years old.
- Enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal DoD, or home school or part of a sponsored club such as art, computer, reading or science clubs, scouting organizations or 4H clubs.
- Only one poster entry per child may be submitted.

### Poster Requirements

- Be original.
- The student's name or initials cannot be on the front of the poster.
- The topic and title must be listed on the Artwork Submission Form (1 copy included!)
- Posters should be created on white paper or cardstock. Paper sizes of 11" x 17" and 8.5" x 11" are preferred.
- Artwork may be created with crayon, markers, paint, collages, or photographs.
- Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well.
- All pencil markings should be erased.
- Copyrighted characters, product logos and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

The Missouri Radon Program website contains radon information, videos, and links to other radon resources:

[www.health.mo.gov/radon](http://www.health.mo.gov/radon)



# 2025 Missouri Radon Poster Contest

## Entry Form

**Important Note to Teacher, Group Leader, or Parent:** Please fill in (type or print) the requested information under the Teacher and Newspaper sections before making copies of this form for your students. Ask your students to clearly print their information. Entry forms must be fully filled out to ensure that winners and their instructors can be contacted.

**Title of Artwork:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check:** ☐ School ☐ After School program ☐ Youth Group/Club ☐ Home School

**Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Organization Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Newspaper Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper/poster guidelines:** 11" x 17" and 8.5" x 11" sizes are preferred.

**Please tape the entry form to the backside of the poster. Avoid stapling the form to the poster.**

**Posters must be postmarked on or before October 11, 2025, and mailed to:**

Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services  
Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology/Radon Program  
P.O. Box 570  
Jefferson City, MO 65102