# TERMITES AND RADON AND MOLD, OH MY!

GUIDING YOUR CLIENTS THROUGH "SCARY" INSPECTION ISSUES

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Preventing Deal Killers: Using A SmartCheck List is an 3 hour, inclass and virtual, continuing education course.

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### INTRODUCTION



### **OUR GOAL FOR TODAY**

Empower you to quickly and confidently handle "scary" inspection issues.

### **OBSERVATIONS**

1. Agents with a plan look like heroes

2. Informed clients are not easily scared



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### TRENDS IN THE INSPECTION WORLD







ADVANCED EQUIPMENT















- Advanced Equipment
- Way More Services
  - Thermal Imaging
  - Radon Testing
  - Mold Testing
  - Sewer/Septic Inspections
  - Termite Letters

- Pool Inspections
- Drones
- Multi-Phase New Construction

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- "Microwaveable" Inspectors

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A HOME INSPECTOR IN GEORGIA?

### PROTECTING YOUR CLIENTS

What types of insurance does the inspector have?



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- "Microwaveable" Inspectors
- New Valuable Asset

### WHAT DO THESE CHANGES MEAN?

More opportunities for your clients to...



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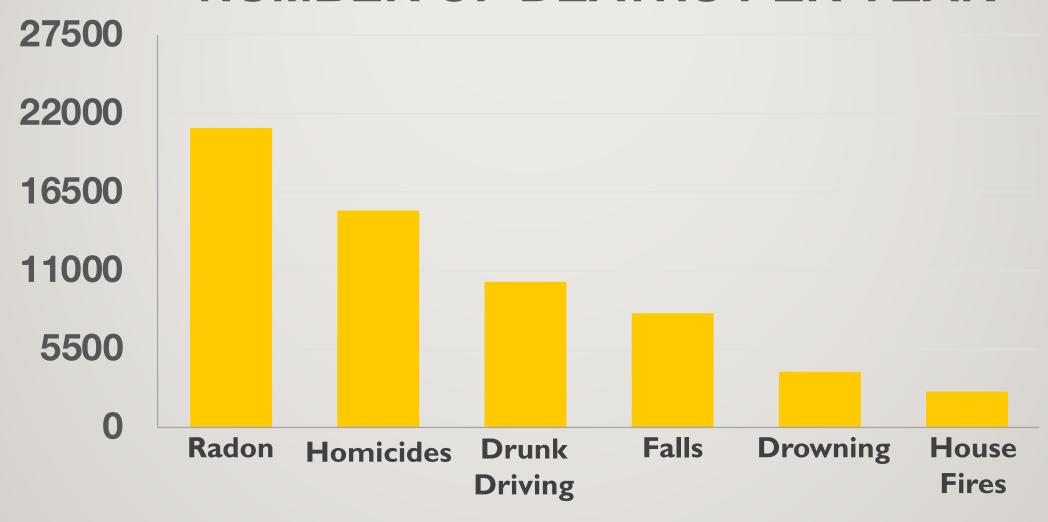
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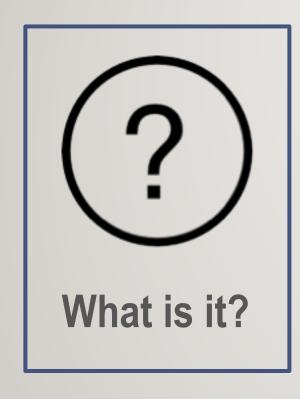
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### WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH RADON?

### NUMBER OF DEATHS PER YEAR



### **RADON**



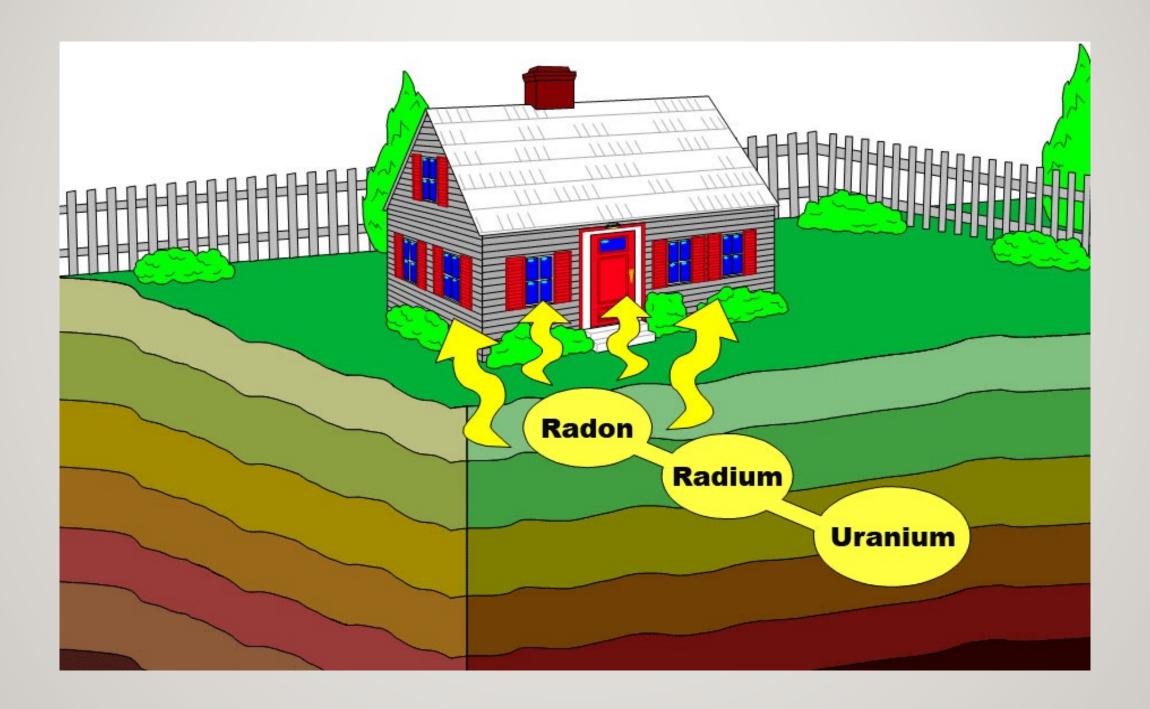






### WHAT IS RADON?

## Radon is an invisible, cancer-causing radioactive gas.



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| ³<br>Li            | ⁴Be             |                    |            |               |            |           |           |               |            |              |             | ⁵B              | °C            | <sup>7</sup> N | O           | ° F          | ¹⁰<br>Ne     |  |
| Lithium            | Beryllium       |                    |            |               |            |           |           |               |            |              |             | Boron           | Carbon        | Nitrogen       | Oxygen      | Fluorine     | Neon         |  |
| Na<br>Sodium       | Mg              |                    |            |               |            |           |           |               |            |              |             | Al<br>Aluminium | Si<br>Silicon | Phosphorus     | S<br>Sulfur | Chlorine     | Ar<br>Argon  |  |
| 19                 | Magnesium<br>20 | 21                 | 22         | 23            | 24         | 25        | 26        | 27            | 28         | 29           | 30          | 31              | 32            | 33             | 34          | 35           | 36           |  |
| K                  | Ca              | Sc                 | Ti         | V             | Cr         | Mn        | Fe        | Со            | Ni         | Cu           | Zn          | Ga              | Ge            | As             | Se          | Br           | Kr           |  |
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| Cs                 | Ba              | La                 | Hf         | Та            | W          | Re        | Os        | lr            | Pt         | Au           | Hg          | TI              | Pb            | Bi             | Po          | At           | Rn           |  |
| Caesium            | Barium          | Lanthanum          | Hafnium    | Tantalum      | Tungsten   | Rhenium   | Osmium    | Iridium       | Platinum   | Gold         | Mercury     | Thallium        | Lead          | Bismuth        | Poloniun    | Astatine     | Radon        |  |
| 87_                | 88_             | 89                 | 104        | 105           | 106        | 107       | 108       | 109           | 110        | 111          | 112         | 113             | 114           | 115            | 116         | 117          | 118          |  |
| Fr                 | Ra              | Ac                 | Rf         | Db            | Sg         | Bh        | Hs        | Mt            | Ds         | Rg           | Cn          | Nh              | FI            | Мс             | Lv          | Ts           | Og           |  |
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We measure radon in picocuries per liter (pCi/L).

A curie = radioactivity given off by 1 gram of radium

A picocurie is one trillionth of a curie.

### **RADON**









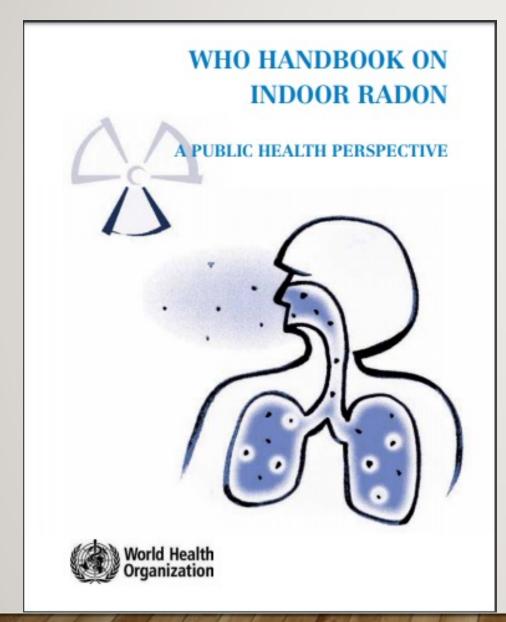
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### MYTH OR FACT?

"There is no real scientific evidence to show that radon is a problem."



Over 100 contributing scientists and doctors, from 25 different countries around the world.

### **Abstract**

"Epidemiological studies confirm that radon in homes increases the risk of lung cancer in the general population." "Radon is the second most important cause of lung cancer after smoking in many countries.... it is the primary cause of lung cancer among people who have never smoked."



### MYTH OR FACT?

"Radon is in the air everywhere indoors and outdoors - you can't really
avoid breathing it."

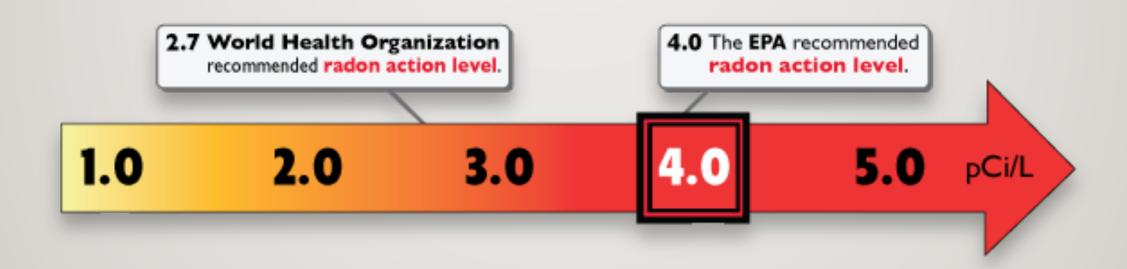
# Outdoor radon average = .3 pCi/l

There is no evidence to show that levels this low will have a significant impact.

# MYTH OR FACT?

"The radon test results were right at 4.0 pCi/L so its probably not that big of a deal."

### **HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?**



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$$4.0 \text{ pCi/L} =$$

- 300 chest X-rays per year
- Smoking ½ pack of cigarettes per day.

#### **U.S. SURGEON GENERAL HEALTH ADVISORY**

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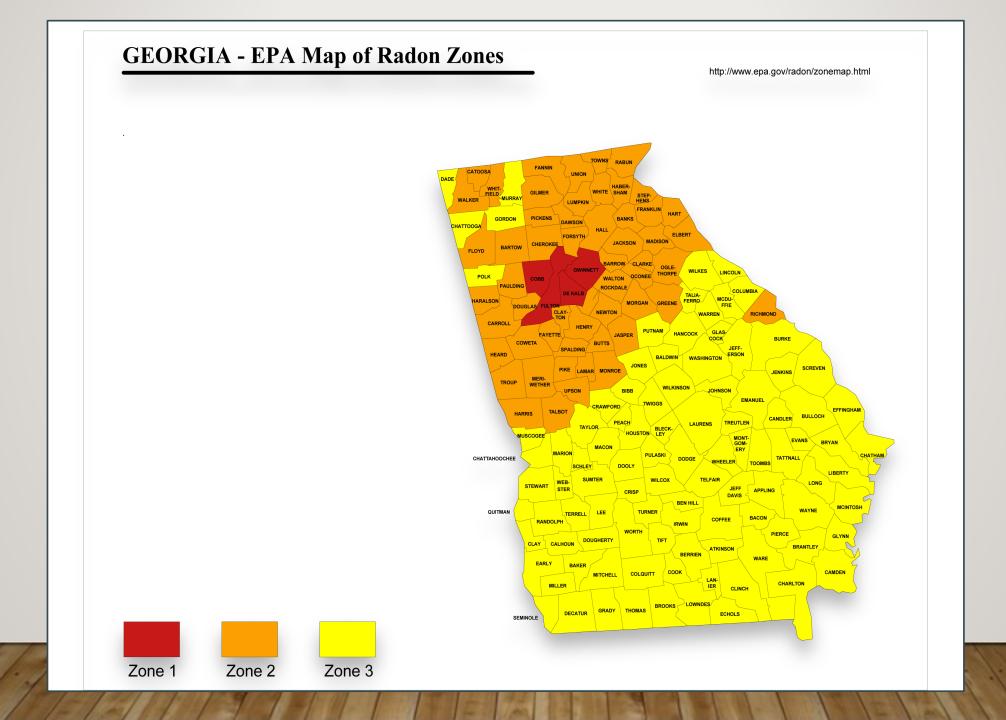
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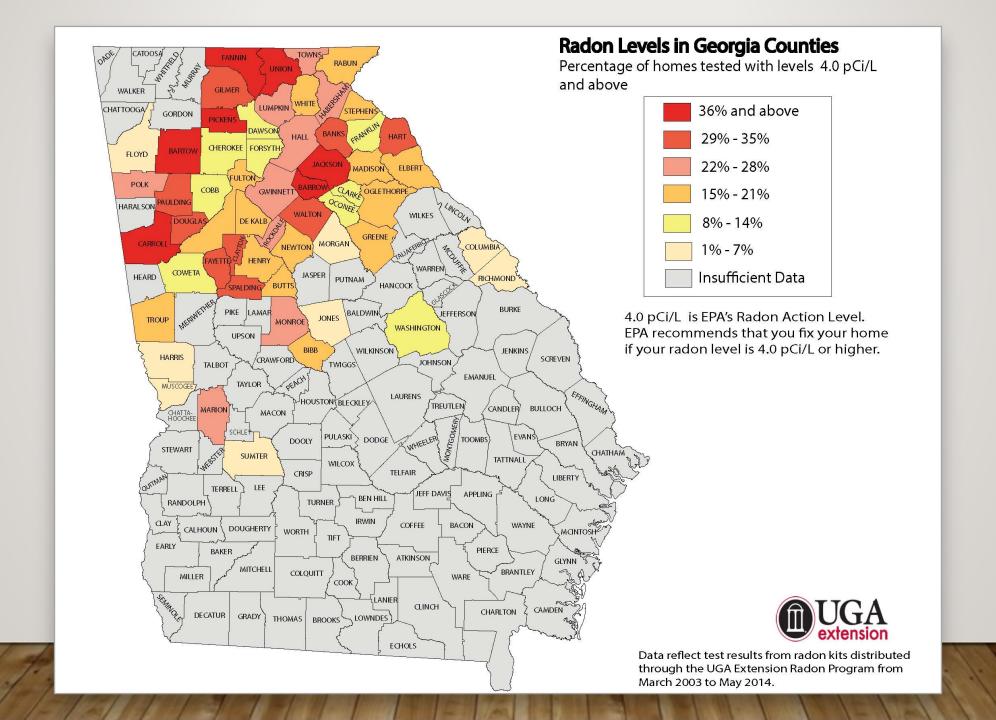


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#### Radon Levels in Georgia Counties\*

Percentage of homes tested with levels 4.0 pCi/L and above

36% and over 29% - 35% 22% - 28%

**15% - 21%** 

8% - 14%

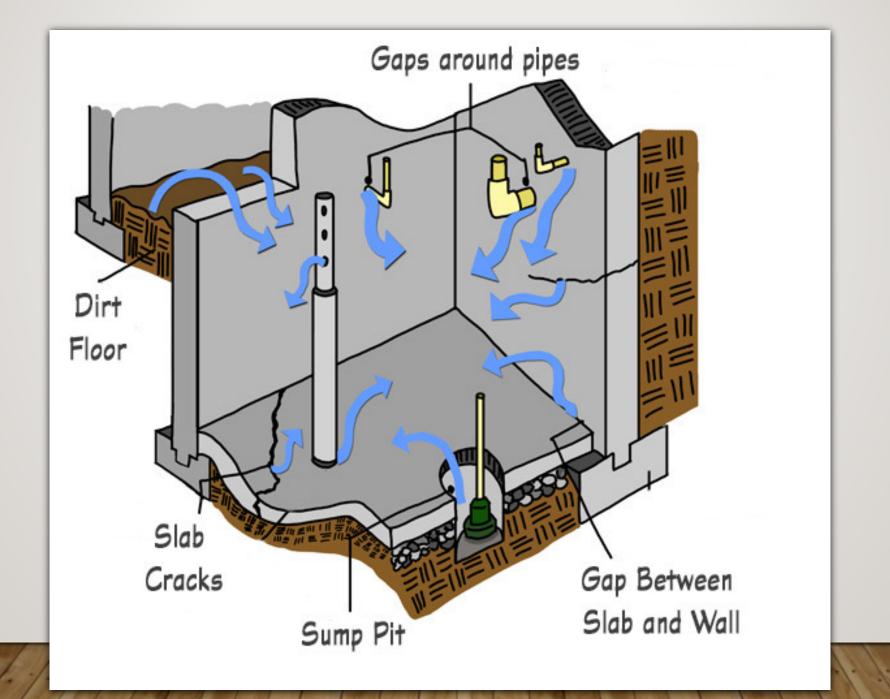
0% - 7%

Insufficient data

4.0 pCi/L is EPA's Radon Action level. EPA recommends that you fix your home if your radon level is 4.0 pCi/L or above.

\*testing data are from individuals who selfselected to test their homes for radon.





# MYTH OR FACT?

# "You only need a radon test if the house has a basement."

# The EPA and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes for radon.

# We regularly find radon levels in the 10-20 pCi/l range on slab homes.

#### **MEASUREMENT SUMMARY**

28.9611 inHg

29.0150 inHg

**AVERAGE MINIMUM MAXIMUM** LEVEL OF RADON 7.1 pCi/L 11.7 pCi/L 21.0 pCi/L MINIMUM **AVERAGE MAXIMUM** TEMPERATURE 74.8 °F 75.3 °F 75.9 °F MINIMUM **AVERAGE MAXIMUM HUMIDITY** 63.2 %rH 67.5 %rH 62.0 %rH **MINIMUM AVERAGE MAXIMUM** 

28.9288 inHg

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE

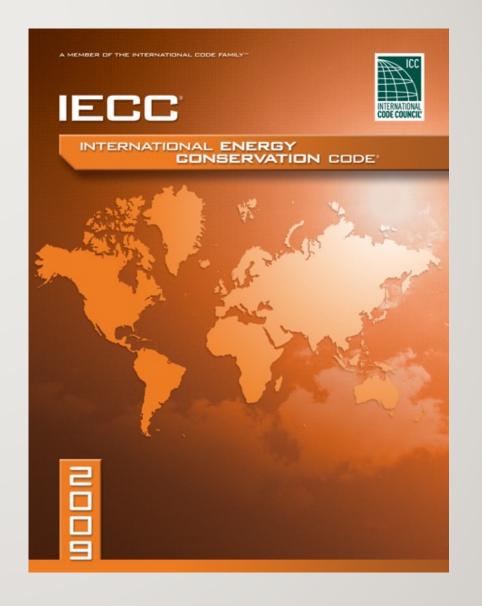
## What about condos?



# MYTH OR FACT?

"It's a brand new house so it shouldn't have any problems with radon."

Modern homes are being built tighter than older homes... they are less likely to breathe.



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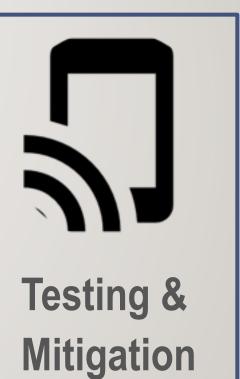
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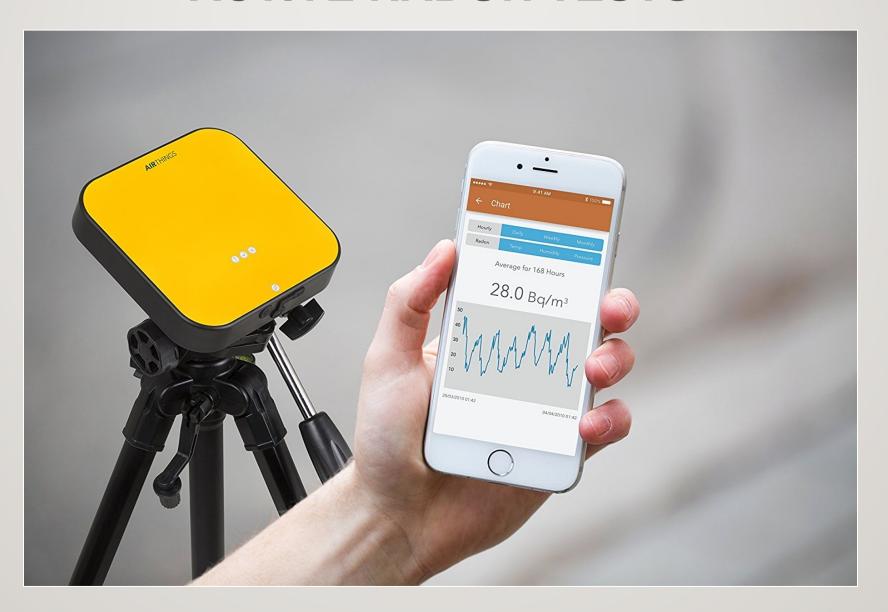
# What Should Be Used to Test for Radon?

### **TYPES OF RADON DEVICES**

#### **PASSIVE RADON TESTS**



### **ACTIVE RADON TESTS**



#### **AIRTHINGS WAVE RADON DETECTOR**



## When Should You Test for Radon?

- 1. Every 2 years
- 2. When buying a home.

# **Who Should Test for Radon?**

- 1. Homeowners can test their own home
- 2. "When testing in association with a real estate transaction, it is strongly recommended that testing be conducted by a qualified radon measurement professional."

# **Who Should Test for Radon?**

What is a "qualified radon measurement professional"?



### **Where Should You Test for Radon?**

- Lowest livable level of the home.
- 3' away from doors and windows
- Not in bathrooms, laundry, or kitchen
- Not near fans, furnaces, or drafts
- Not on granite countertops

# The following can result in an invalid radon test:

1. Failure to maintain "closed house conditions"

### **Closed House Conditions**

- Windows and doors closed (except normal entry/exit)
- No fireplaces or whole house fans
- Closed 12 hours prior to start of test

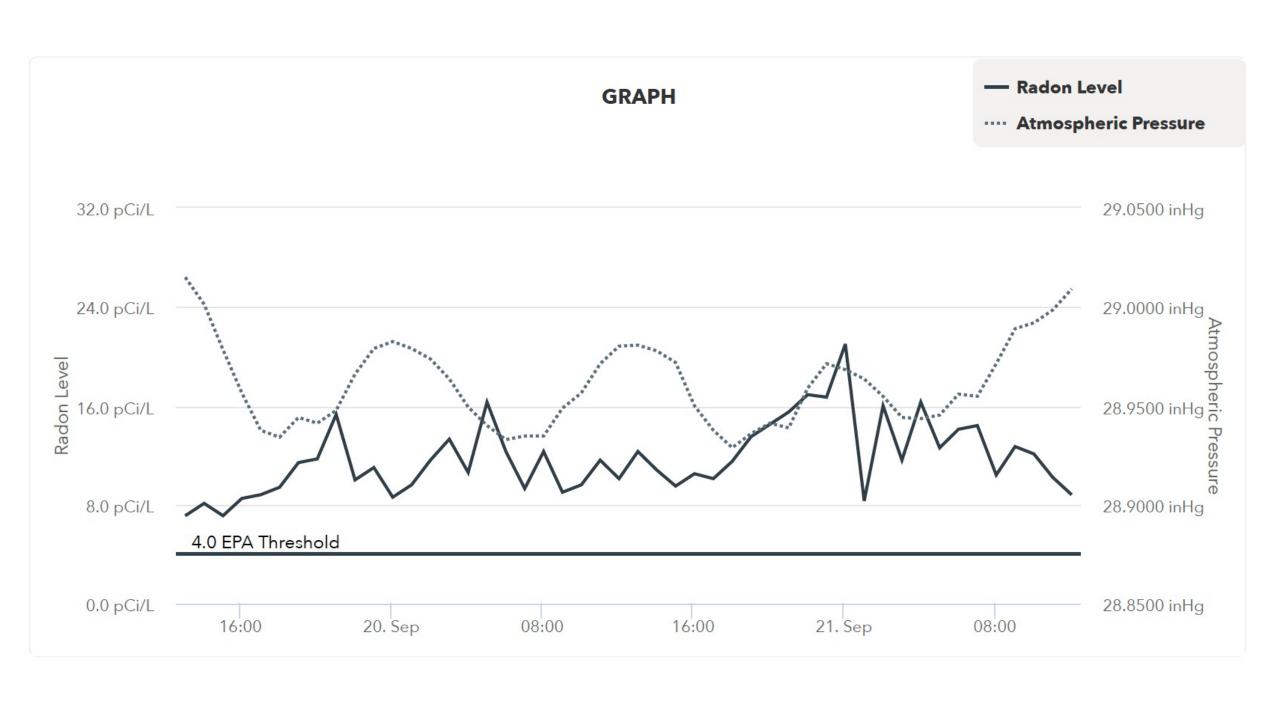
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### Weather

"Avoid testing during unusual local severe weather if the test period is less than four days. When severe conditions occur, retesting may be appropriate."



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4. Improperly calibrated radon monitor

#### **MONITOR INFORMATION**



Serial Number: 2700006584

Calibration Date: 2021-05-09

Calibration Expiration Date: 2022-05-09

Manufacturer: Airthings

Model: Corentium Pro

Noninterference Controls: Corentium Pro uses a motion sensor to detect movement of the

monitor during the measurement. It also records hourly

temperature, humidity, and atmospheric pressure data to detect if closed-building conditions may have been broken during the

measurement.

#### WHAT IF A TEST COMES BACK ELEVATED?

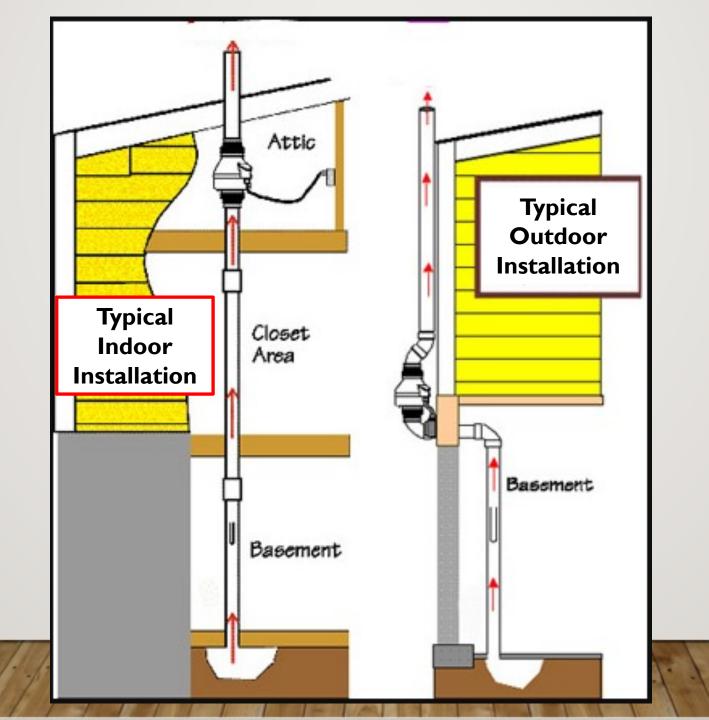


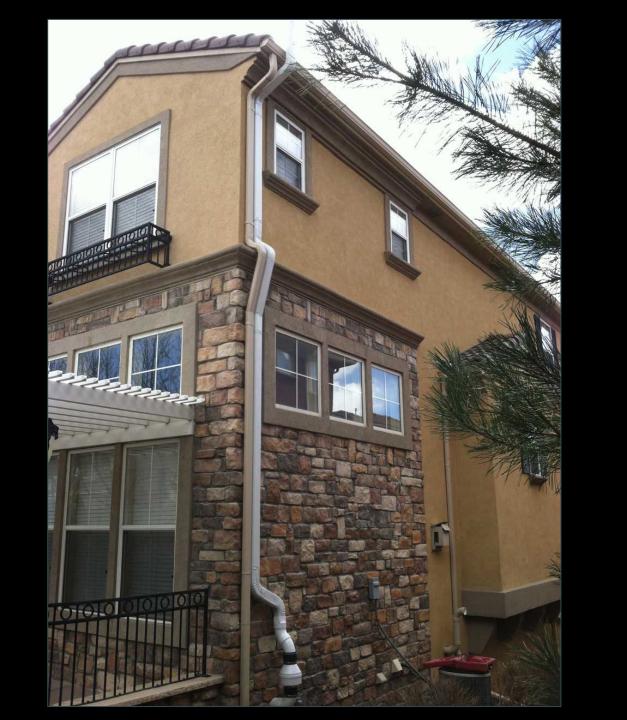
# An elevated radon test is never a good reason to not buy a home.

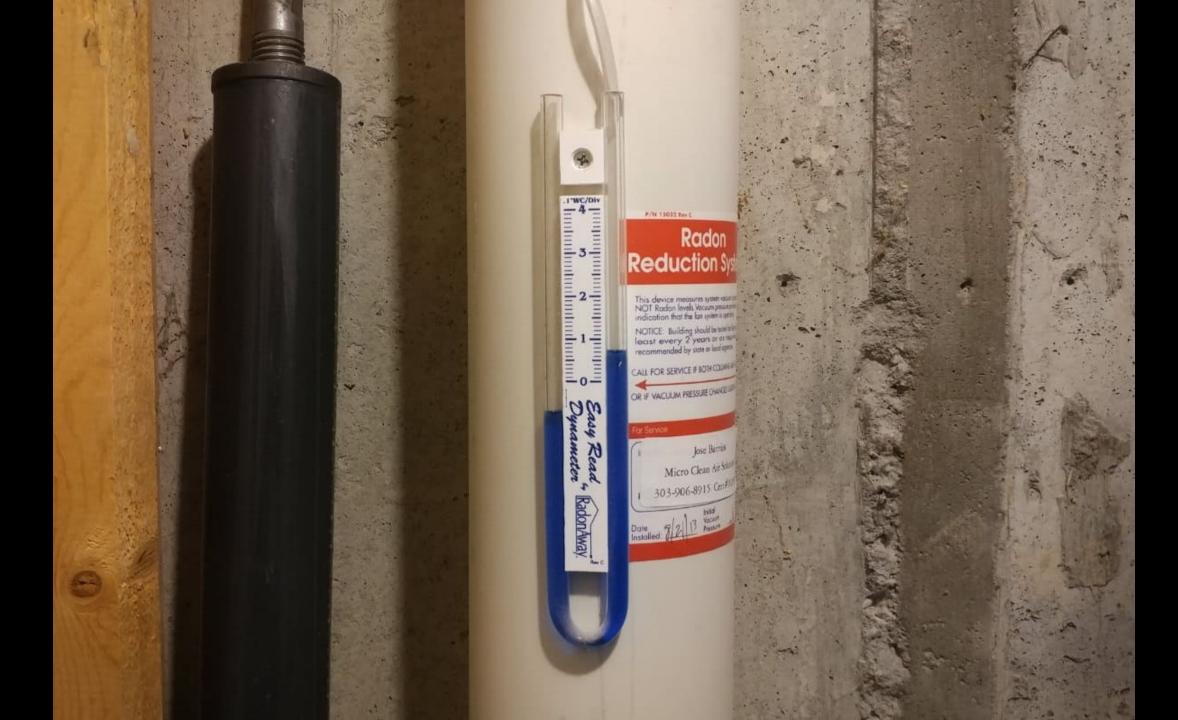
# Elevated radon levels can typically be easily corrected with a mitigation system.

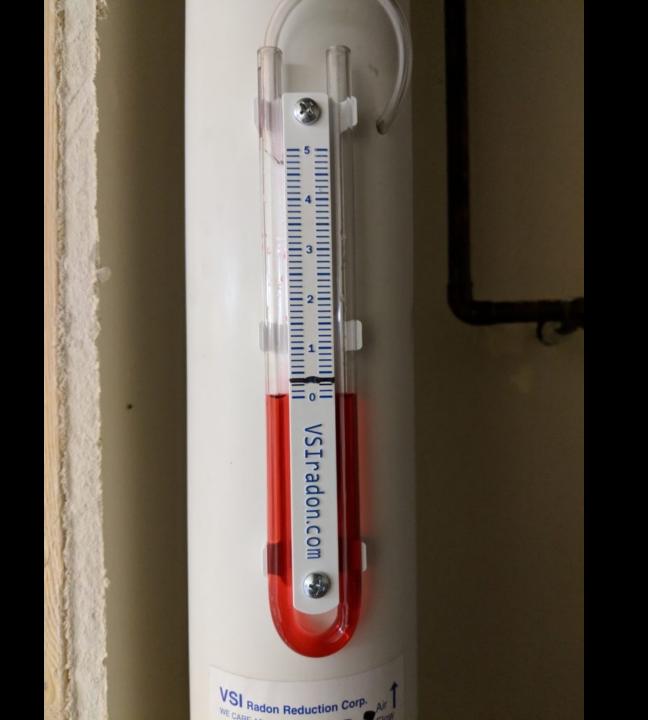
#### RADON MITIGATION SYSTEMS

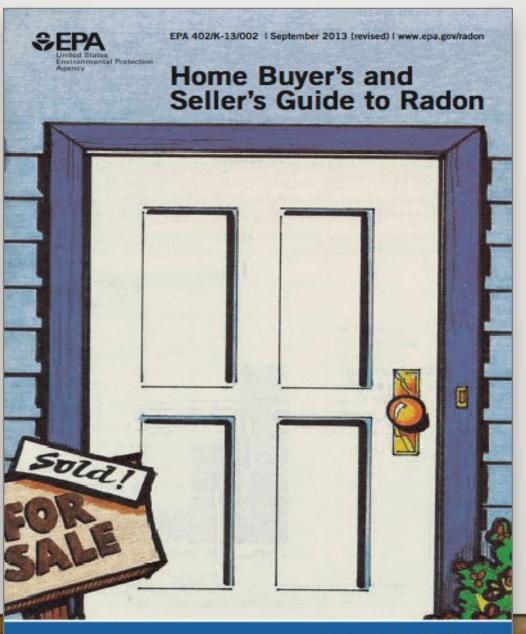
- Typically effective in reducing radon under 3.0 pCi/l
- Cost = \$1500-2000











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#### **QUESTIONS?**

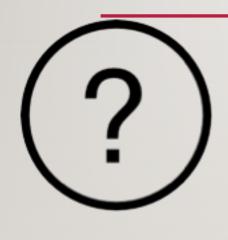
# PROTECTING YOUR CLIENTS (LISTING SIDE)

- 1. Did extreme weather impact test?
- 2. Verify calibration of monitor
- 3. Try to conduct a re-test then average the two tests.

# PROTECT YOUR CLIENTS (BUYERS SIDE)

- 1. Refer buyers to certified co. with advanced equipment.
- 2. Let client know that elevated radon is common and there is a plan to address it.
- 3. Be sure a re-test is conducted if mitigation system is installed.





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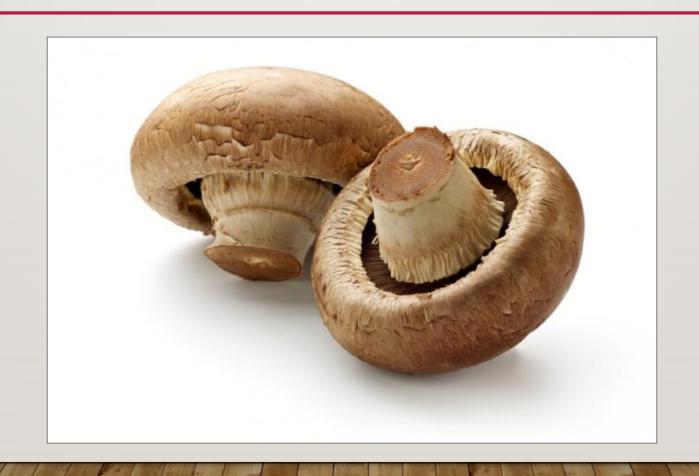


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### WHAT IS MOLD?



#### WHAT IS MOLD?

- A fungi like yeast, mushrooms
- Estimated to be over 100,000 different species
- Usually only a couple types that are a problem



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#### **HEALTH RISKS**

#### 1. Mold can be a serious health hazard



- Many people have allergy-type reactions to mold and some have severe reactions.
- Repeated exposure can increase one's susceptibility

#### **HEALTH RISKS**

- Multiple studies linking mold exposure to depression, anxiety, and suicidal tendencies.
- Mold exposure can increase risk of clinical depression by 45%



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#### **MOLD SPORES NEED:**

1. Food

2. Temperature (above 70F)

3. Moisture

Which one is most important?

#### TYPICAL CAUSES OF MOLD

#### 1. Leaks

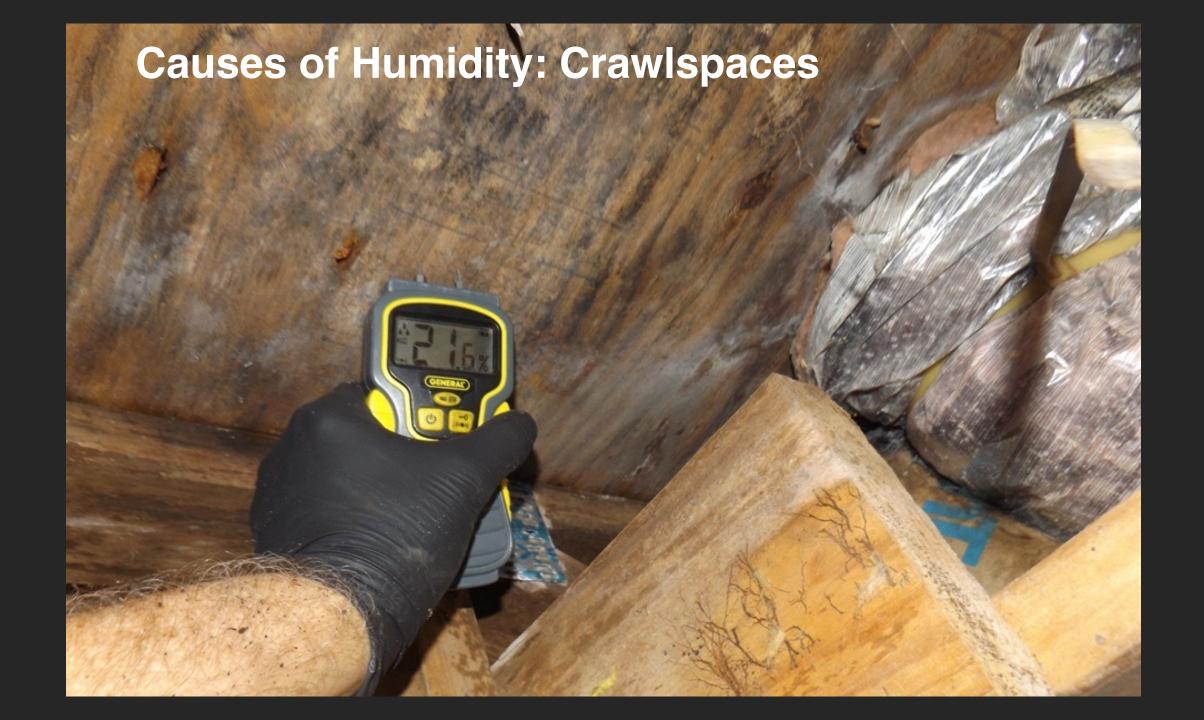
- Pipes or appliances
- Coming from the outside

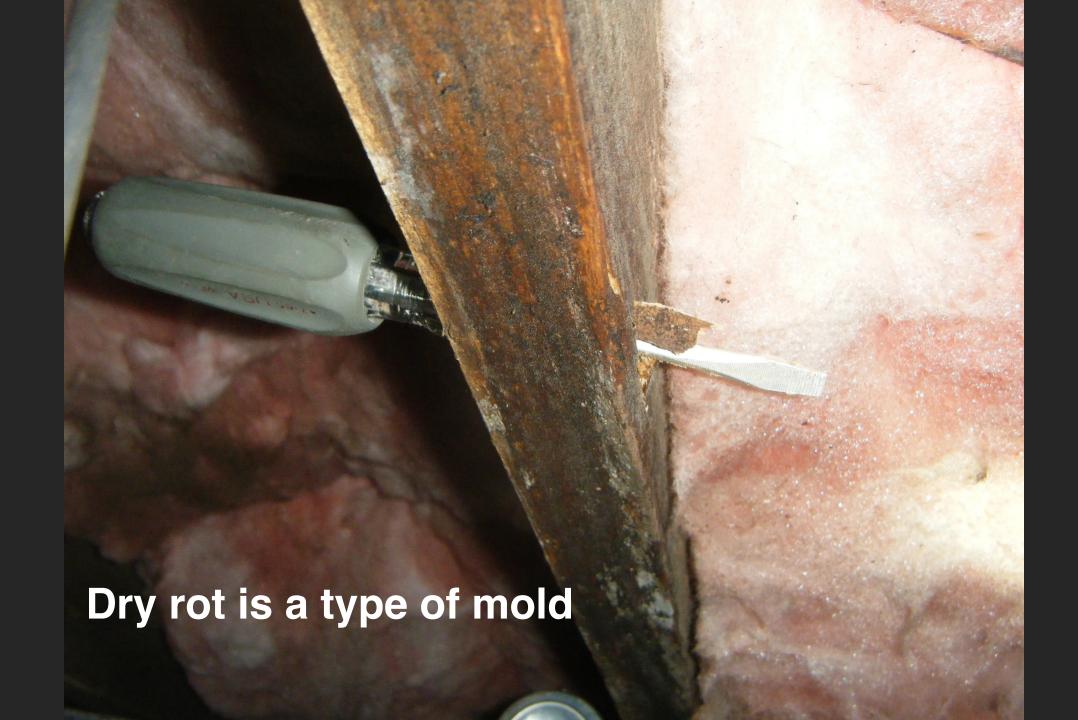
#### 2. High relative humidity

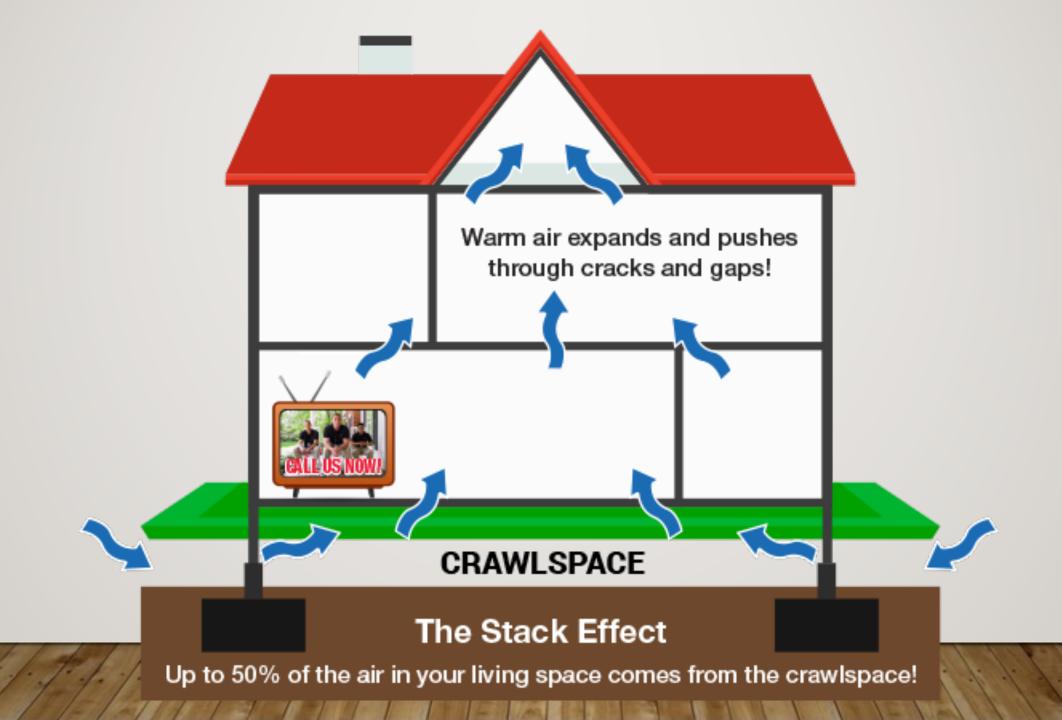


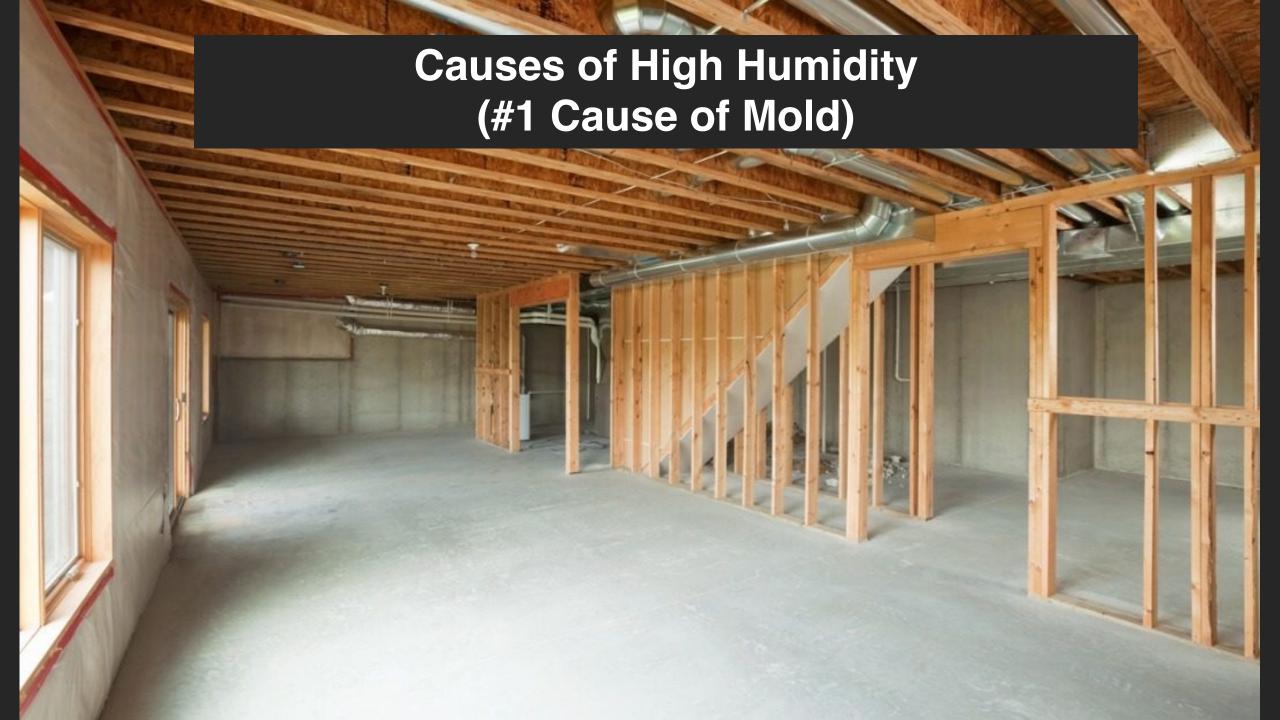




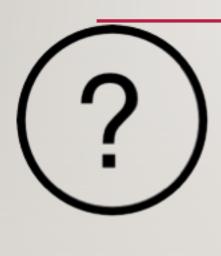












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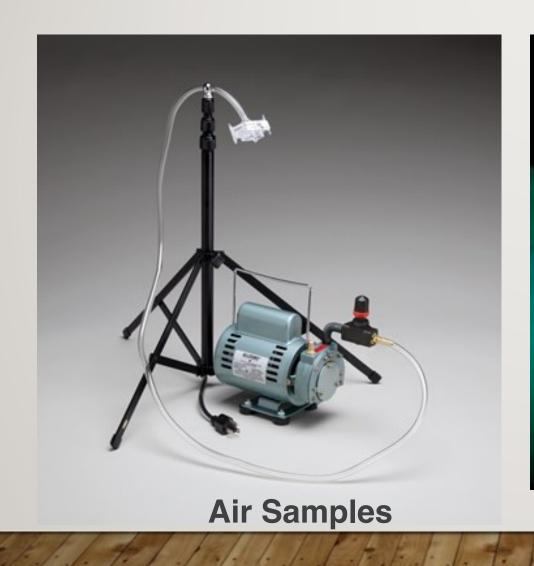
#### **TESTING FOR MOLD**

### Why Testing is Important:

- To determine if a potential threat is present
- To determine the extent of remediation

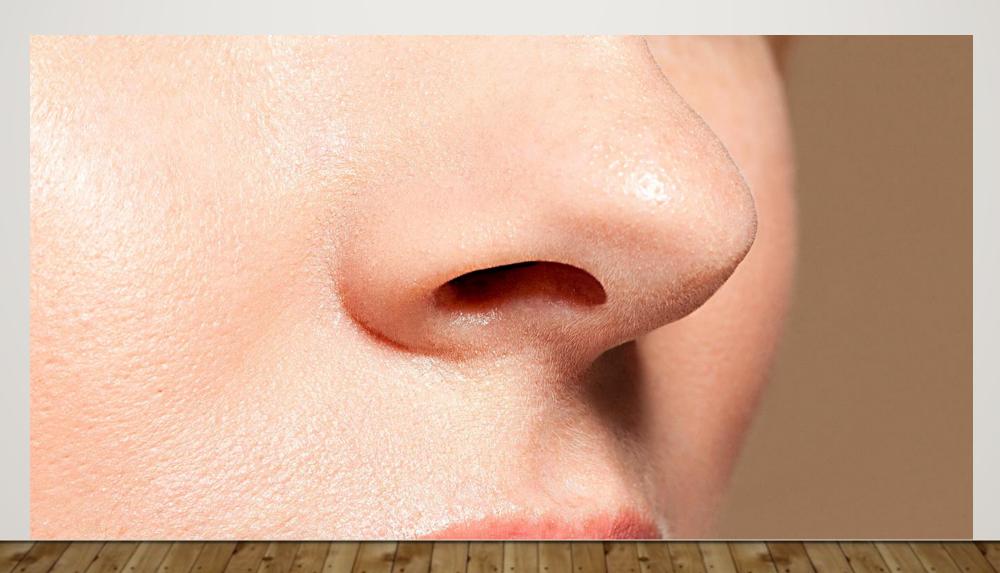


## **TYPES OF TESTING**



Surface Samples

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#### **AIR SAMPLES**



Used to identify what type of spores & how many spores are in the air.

Helps to identify what areas of a house might be affected.

### **SURFACE SAMPLES**

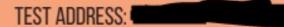


Used to identify visible fungal growth that may not be airborne.



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#### **Detailed Mold Report**

#### (WATER-INDICATING FUNGI ARE SHOWN BELOW IN RED)

| Analysis Method         | Air Analysis             |          |                      | Surface Analysis |                 |                      | Surface Analysis         |                 |                      | Air Analysis  |          |               |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Lab Sample #            | 52173928-1               |          |                      | 52173928-2       |                 |                      | 52173928-3               |                 |                      | 52173928-4    |          |               |
| Sample Identification   | 25237588                 |          |                      | B1600392         |                 |                      | B1600397                 |                 |                      | 25237564      |          |               |
| Sample Location         | BASEMENT BAR<br>BATHROOM |          |                      | BASEMENT BEAM    |                 |                      | UNDER BASEMENT<br>STAIRS |                 |                      | BASE OUTSIDE  |          |               |
| Sample Type / Metric    | Air-O-Cell/150.0L        |          | Bio-Tape             |                  |                 | Bio-Tape             |                          |                 | Air-O-Cell/150.0L    |               |          |               |
| Analysis Date           | Mon January 15, 2018     |          | Mon January 15, 2018 |                  |                 | Mon January 15, 2018 |                          |                 | Mon January 15, 2018 |               |          |               |
| Determination           | NORMAL                   |          | GROWTH               |                  |                 | GROWTH               |                          | CONTROL         |                      |               |          |               |
| Fungal Types Identified | Raw<br>Count             | Spores / | % of<br>Total        |                  | Mold<br>Present |                      |                          | Mold<br>Present |                      | Raw<br>Count  | Spores / | % of<br>Total |
| *INDOOR PROBLEM FUNGI   |                          |          |                      |                  |                 |                      |                          |                 |                      |               |          |               |
| Aspergillus             | 3                        |          |                      |                  | X               |                      |                          | X               |                      | ( <del></del> |          |               |
| Hyphae                  |                          |          | -                    |                  | X               |                      | 9                        | X               |                      |               |          |               |
| **Non-Problem Fungi     | 98 88 8                  |          | 9 9 9                | 5 60             |                 | 200 W                | 108[a                    | N 20 11 11      | lib.                 | Sec. 100 cm   | ×. •••   |               |
| Ascospores              | 2                        | 13       | 3                    |                  |                 |                      |                          |                 |                      | 15            | 101      | 10            |
| Basidiospores           | 4                        | 27       | 6                    |                  |                 |                      | 3                        |                 |                      | 71            | 476      | 48            |

# You want to work with someone who can help interpret the results of a mold test.

### **MOLD REMEDIATION**

### **HOW TO DEAL WITH MOLD?**

- Shrug it off
- Spray some bleach on it

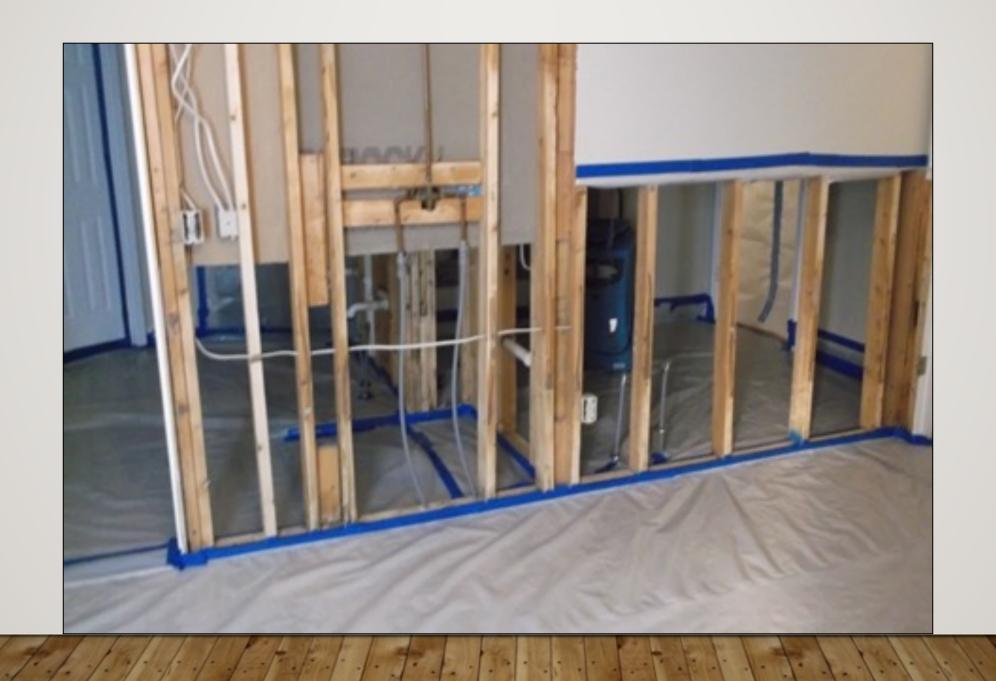
### **BLEACH**

- Should only be used on non-porous materials
- Doesn't kill mold roots in porous materials
- Water content in bleach actually feeds mold



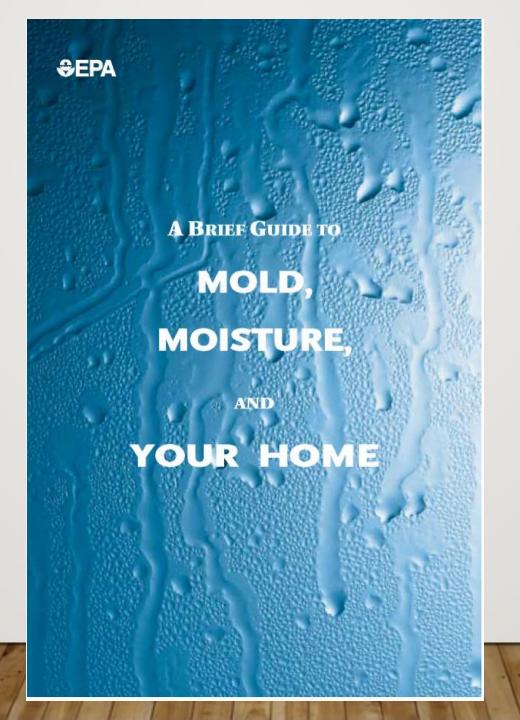
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- Enzyme fogging



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### HOW DO I KNOW WHEN THE REMEDIATION OR CLEANUP IS FINISHED?



### **QUESTIONS?**



Routine maintenance on a regular schedule.



## PROTECT AND CALM YOUR CLIENTS (LISTING SIDE)

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- 2. Take a good look at basements (finished and unfinished)



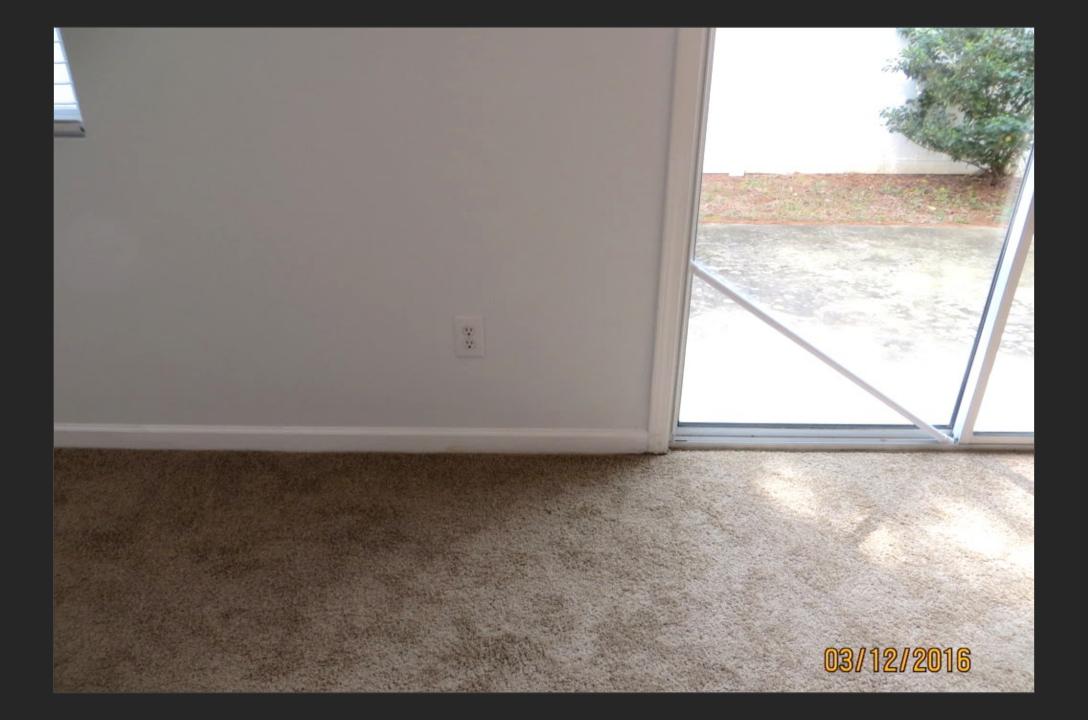


## PROTECT YOUR CLIENTS (BUYERS SIDE)

- 1. Encourage testing to prevent hidden mold from causing trouble after closing.
- 2. Require independent post-test to verify mold remediation was effective

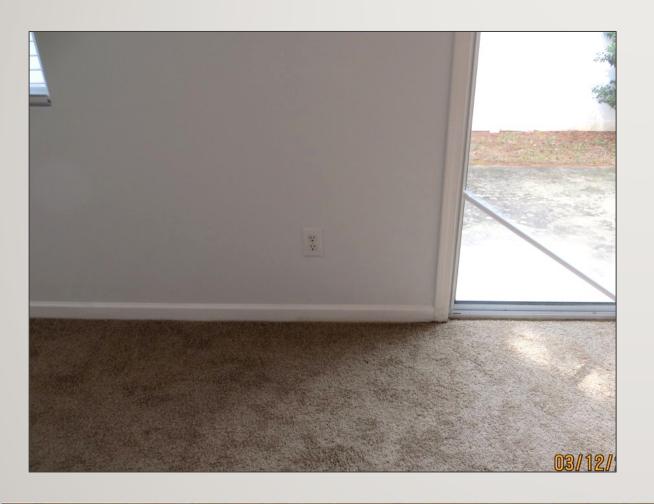
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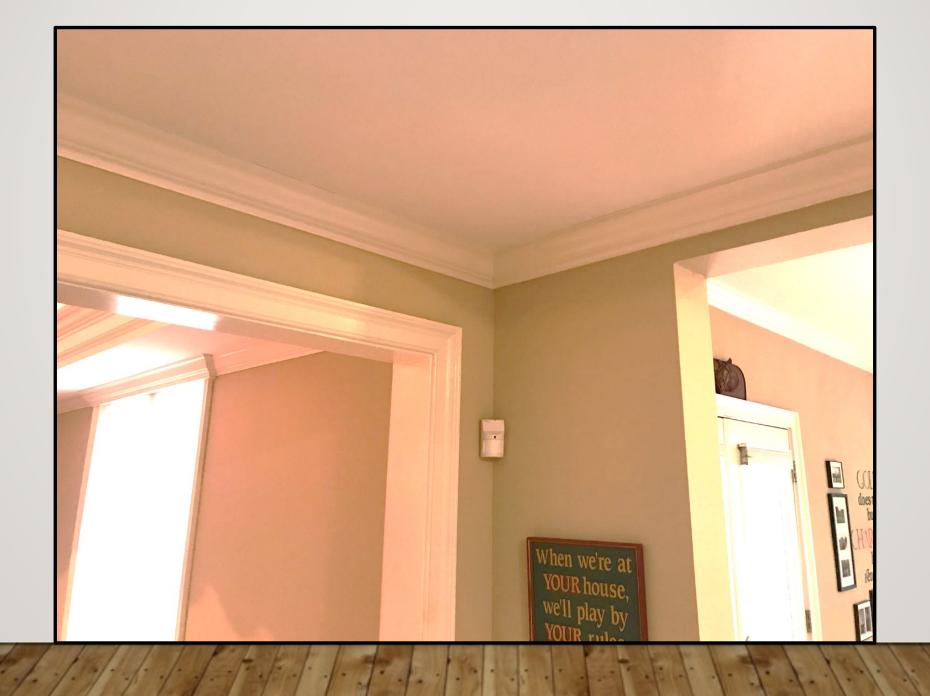




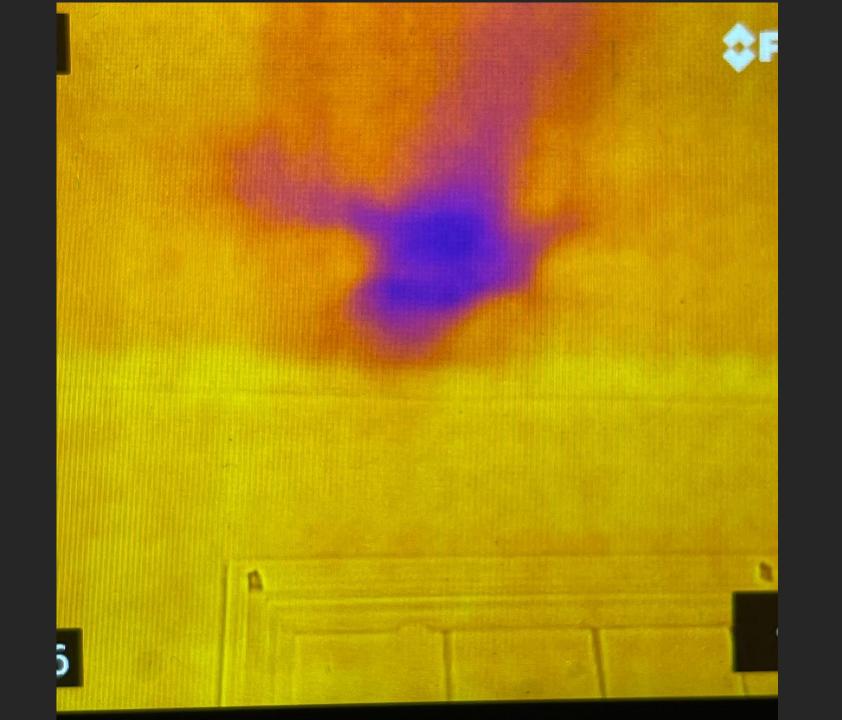
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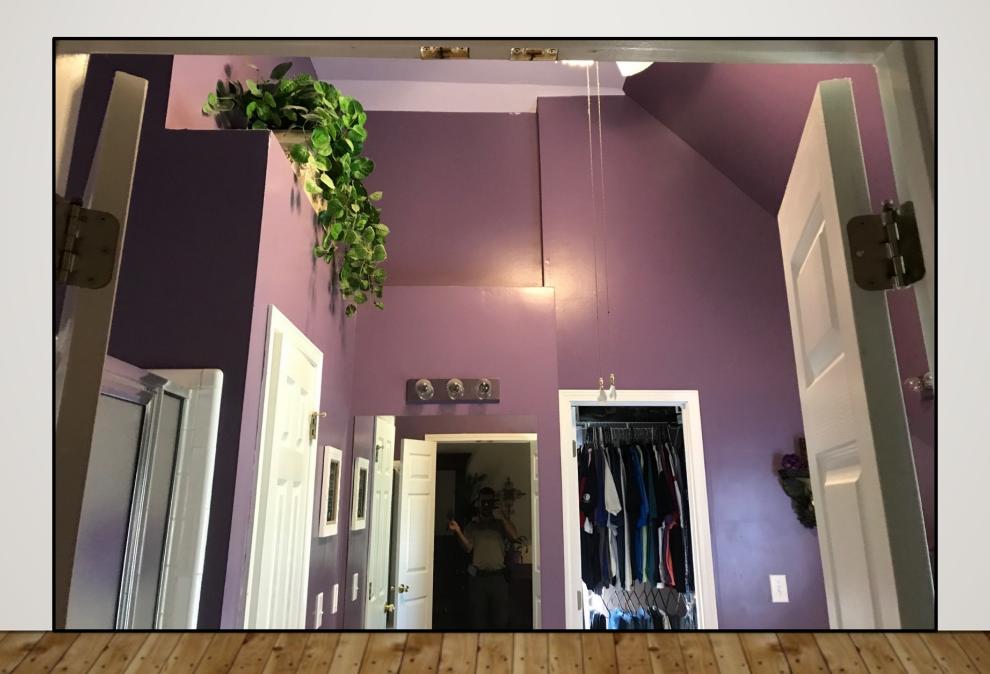


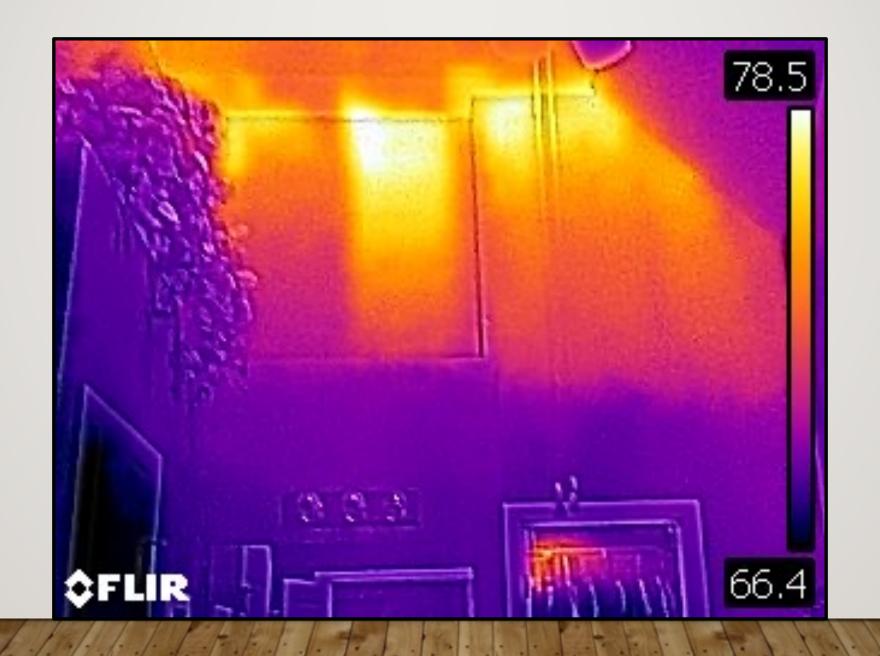




### **COVERED AIR REGISTER**







### MISSING INSULATION





### **HEATED FLOORS**



### **ELECTRICAL PROBLEM**



### PROTECT CLIENTS

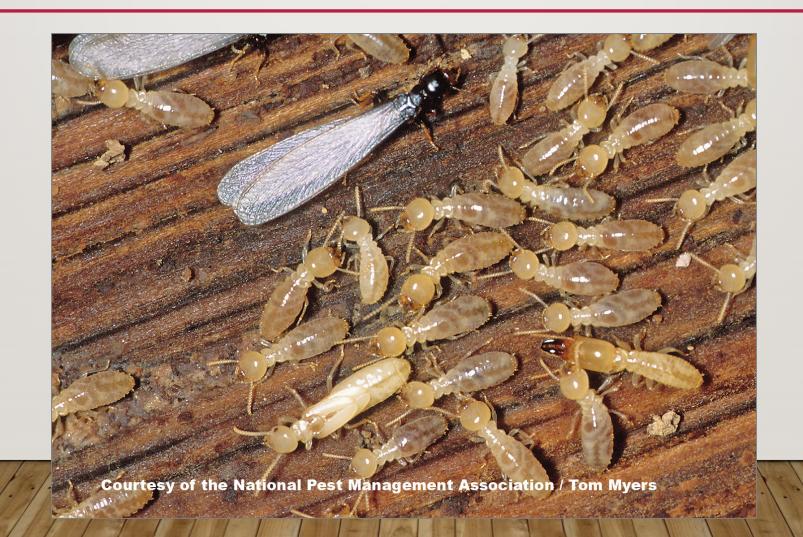
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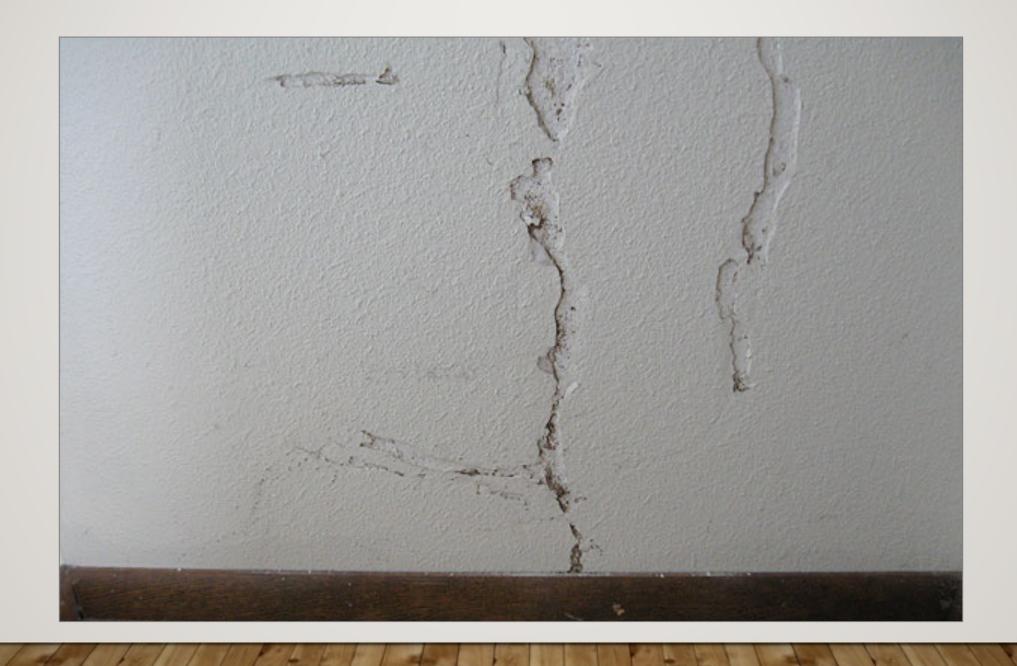
### CHINESE DRYWALL

- Residential construction 2001-2009
- Unheard of in Atlanta area

### **TERMITES**





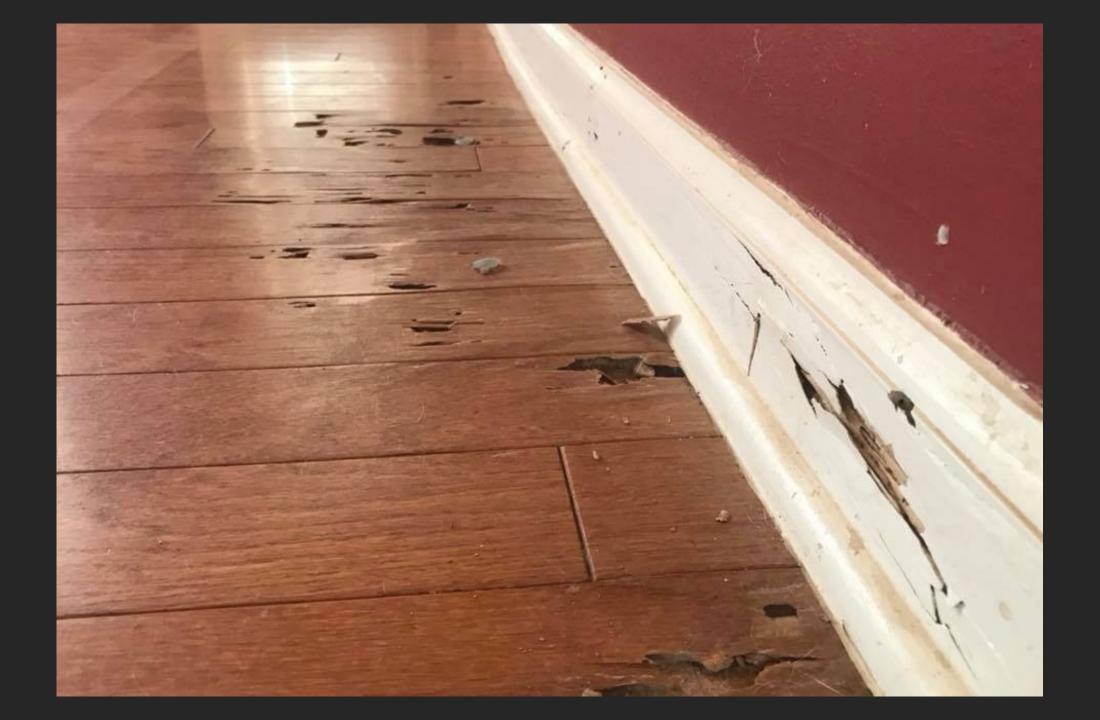












### **TERMITE WARRANTIES/BONDS**

Retreat vs. repair

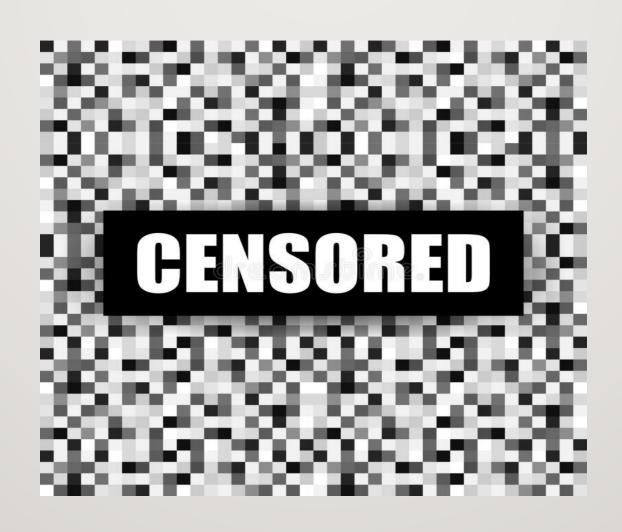
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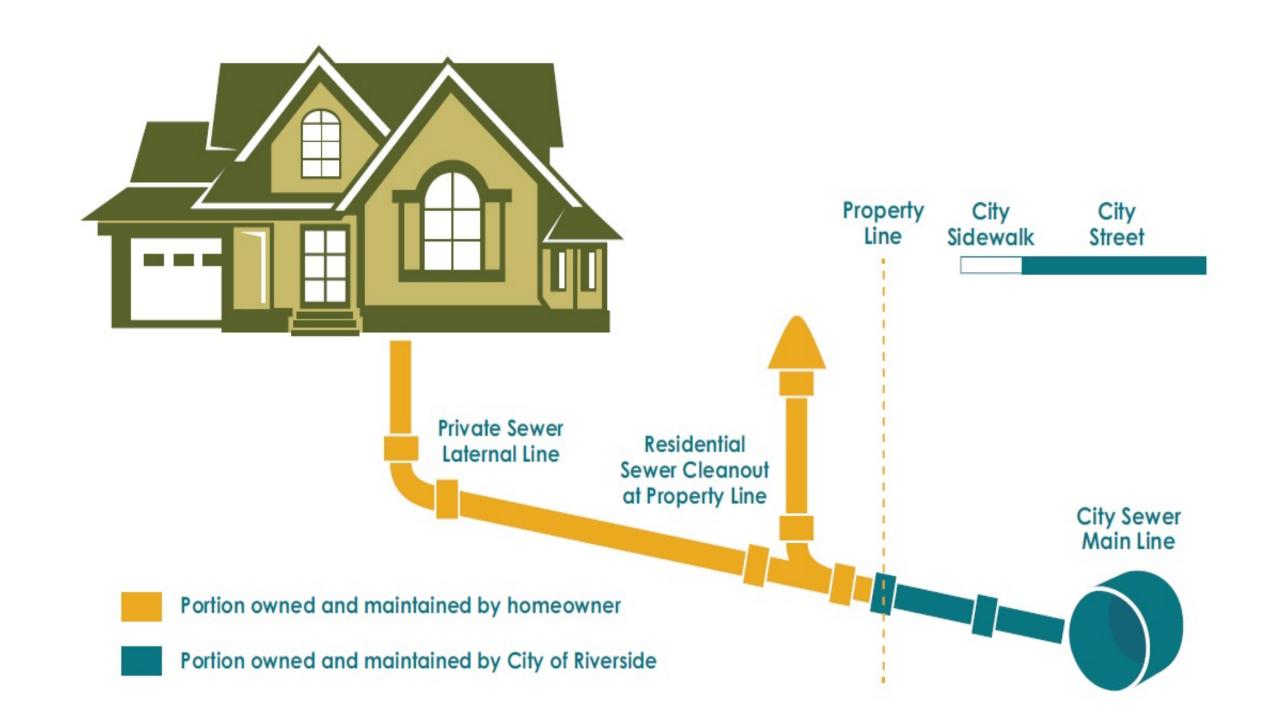
- 1. Make sure evidence of damage is thoroughly investigated.
- 2. Educate clients on repair vs. retreat bonds

# **SEWER & SEPTIC**

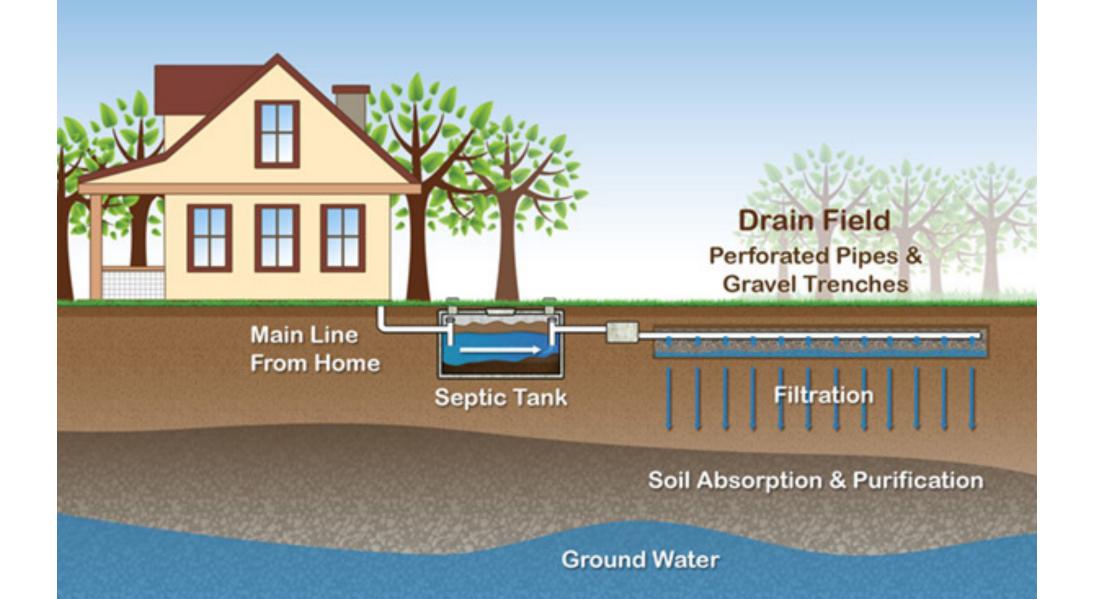


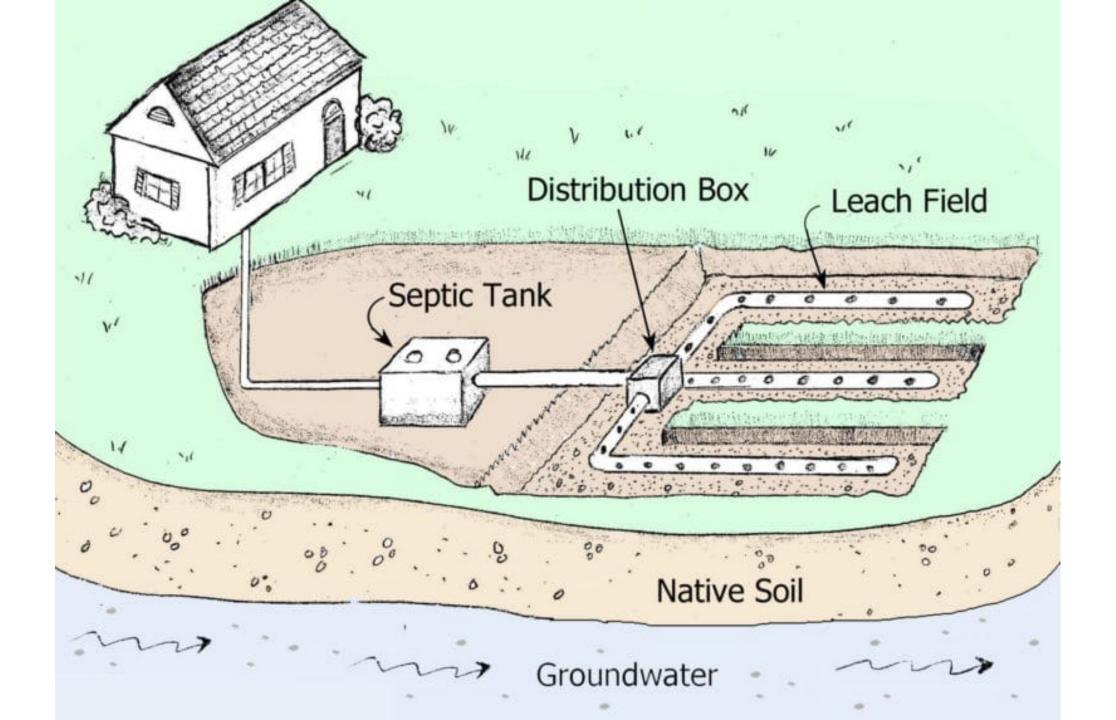
#### PREVENTING BACKUPS



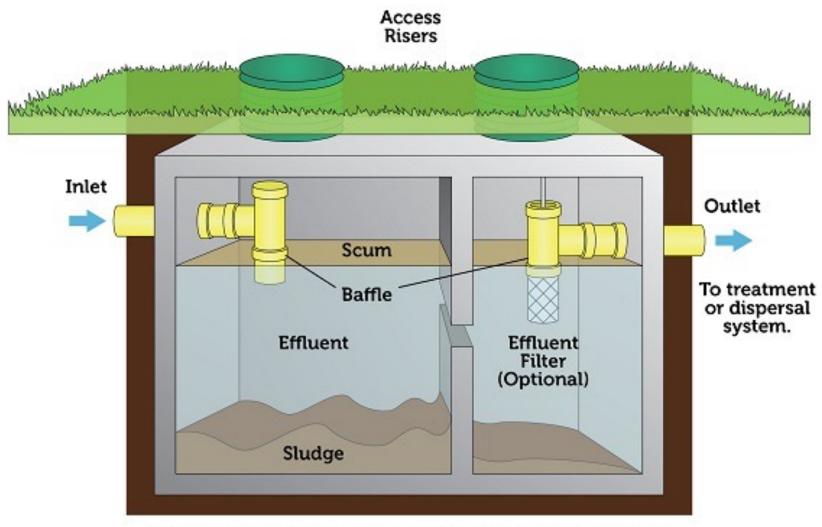


#### **Conventional Septic System**





#### **Septic Tank**

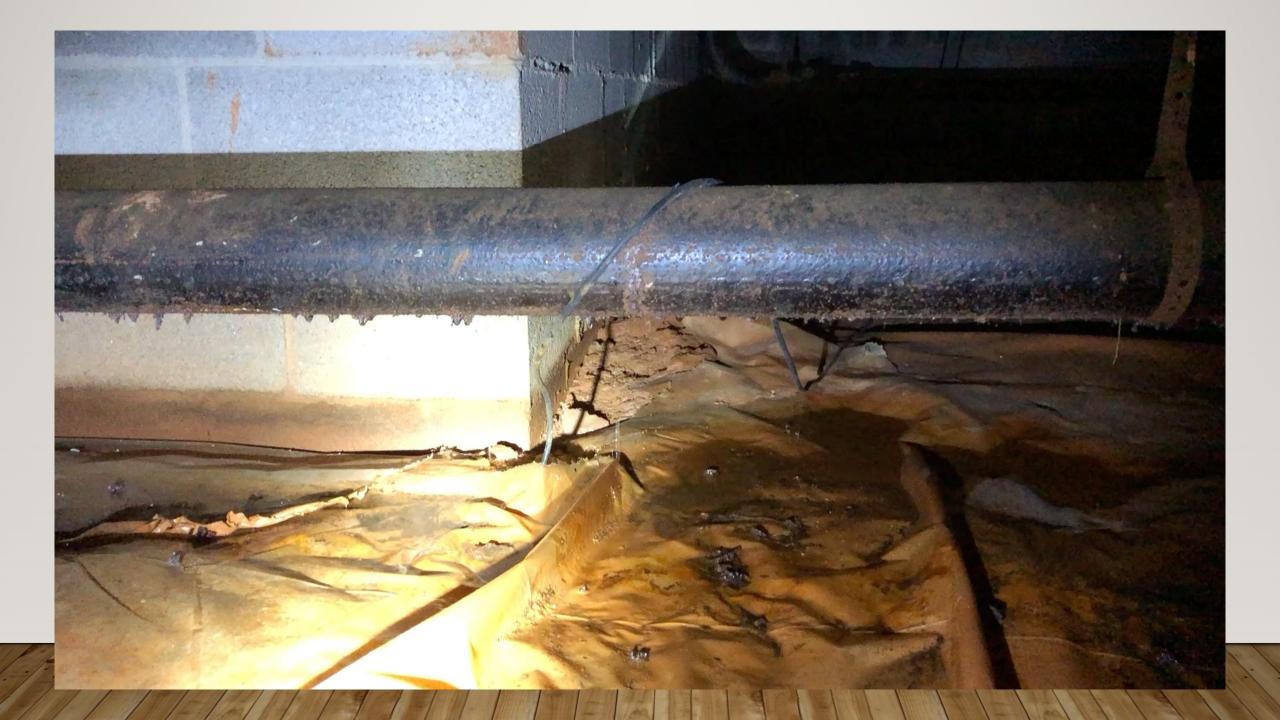


Please note: The number of compartments in a septic tank vary by state and region.

#### **POTENTIAL PROBLEMS**

Drain Lines (above or below ground)

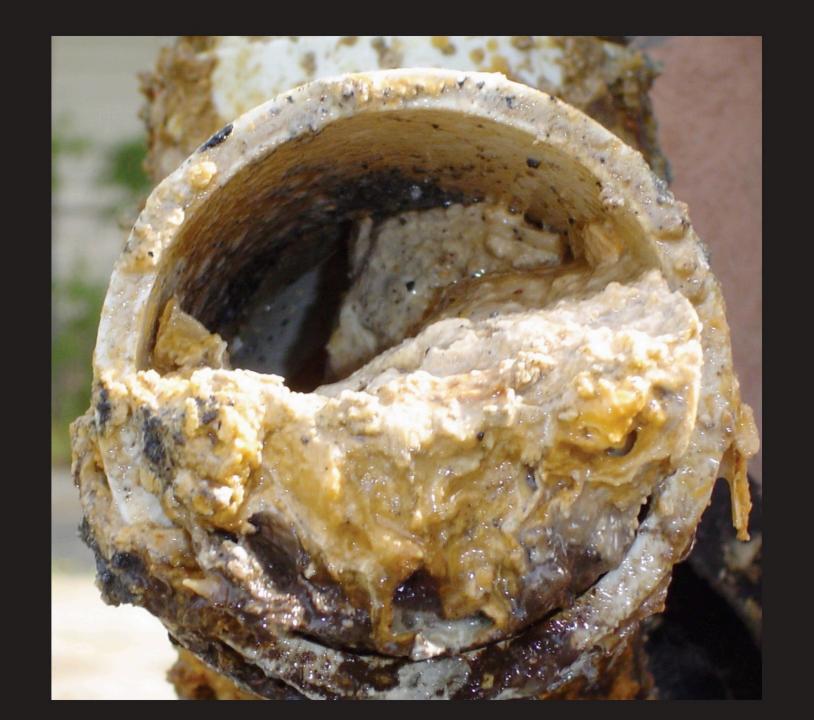
## **ABOVE GROUND**





### **BELOW GROUND**







#### **POTENTIAL PROBLEMS**

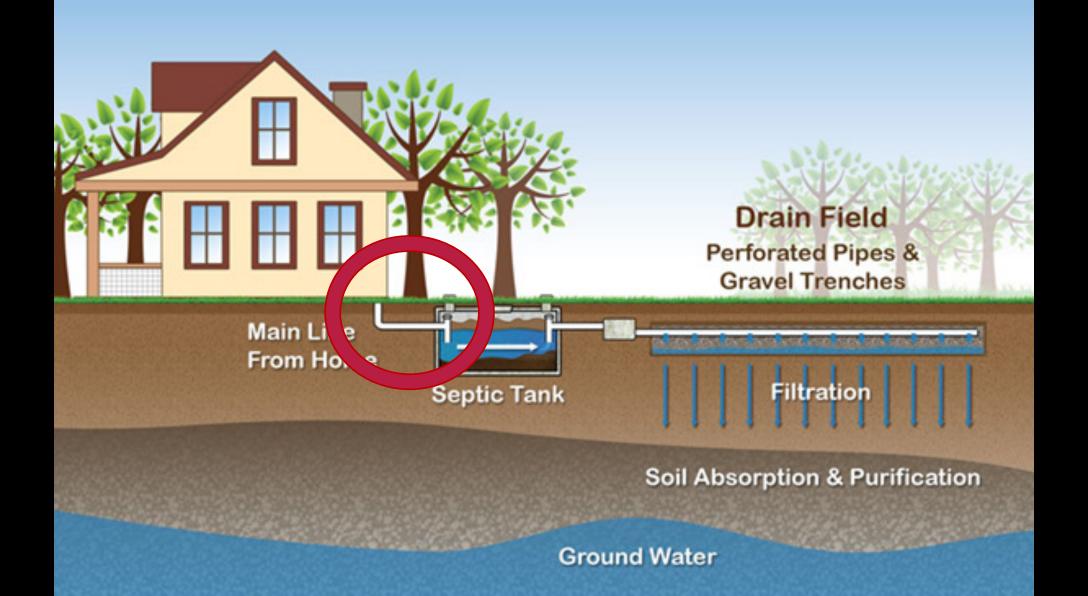
- Drain Lines (above or below ground)
- Tank
- Drain Fields

#### WHAT TYPE OF INSPECTIONS ON SEPTIC?

Drain Line Scope



#### **Conventional Septic System**



#### WHAT TYPE OF INSPECTIONS ON SEPTIC?

- Drain Line Scope
- Dye Test?

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- Drain line scope
- Dye Test?
- Dig up the lid to the tank



# HOW OFTEN SHOULD A SEPTIC TANK BE SERVICED?

# **Every 3-5 Years**

# COST TO REPAIR UNDERGROUND SEWER/SEPTIC DRAIN LINE?

\$1,500-15,000

#### **COST TO REPLACE SEPTIC DRAIN FIELD?**

\$8,000-16,000

# **QUESTIONS?**

#### PROTECTING YOUR CLIENTS

- 1. Make sure septic tanks are properly inspected.
- 2. Educate about sewer line inspections

# **ASBESTOS**





#### **Mesothelioma Victims**

If you, or a loved one, has mesothelioma or been diagnosed with another asbestos-related cancer, call now.

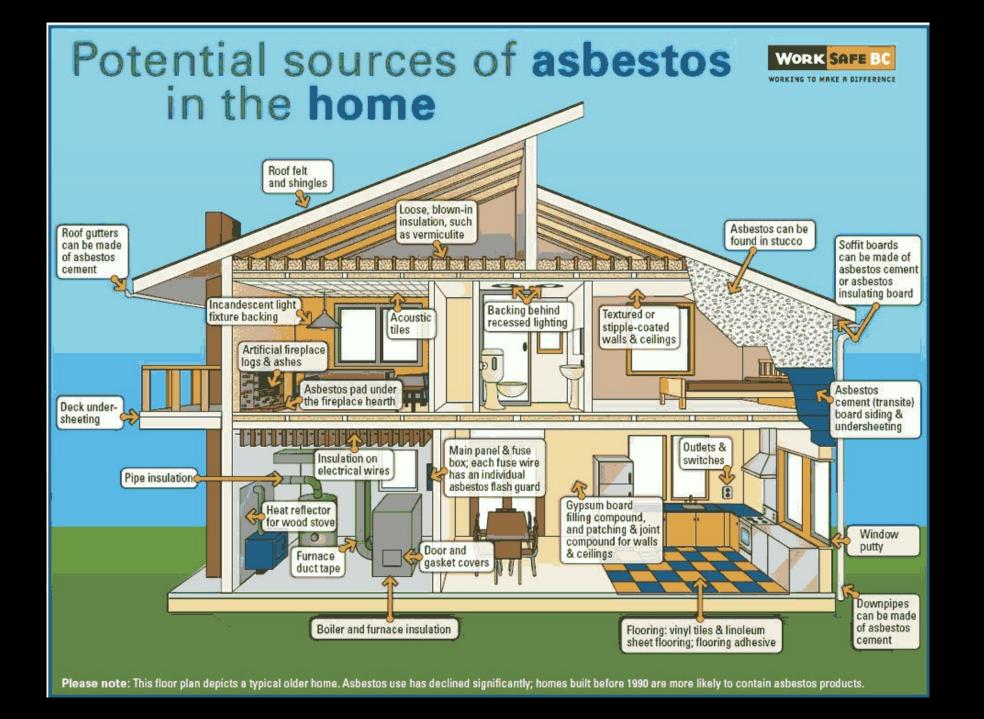
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#### **ASBESTOS TAPE**



#### **ASBESTOS FLOOR TILES**



#### **ASBESTOS CEILING TILES**



#### **EPA**

Asbestos-containing materials that aren't damaged or disturbed are not likely to pose a health risk. Usually the best thing is to leave asbestos-containing material alone if it is in good condition.

#### PROTECT YOUR CLIENTS

- 1. Exposure to asbestos is less likely in houses built after the early 1980's
- 2. Asbestos tape on ductwork can be safely sealed by HVAC company
- 3. Apart from demo work, exposure should be minimal even if asbestos is present

#### **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

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### Protect Yourself When Buying a Home to be Constructed



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This brochure was prepared courtesy of the Georgia Association of REALTORS® to help buyers with the new construction home buying process. The recommendations herein are general in nature and are not intended to be exhaustive. Some of the recommendations may not apply to specific properties. Buyers are encouraged to consult with experts and professionals of their own choosing to ensure that they are protected in buying a new constructed house.

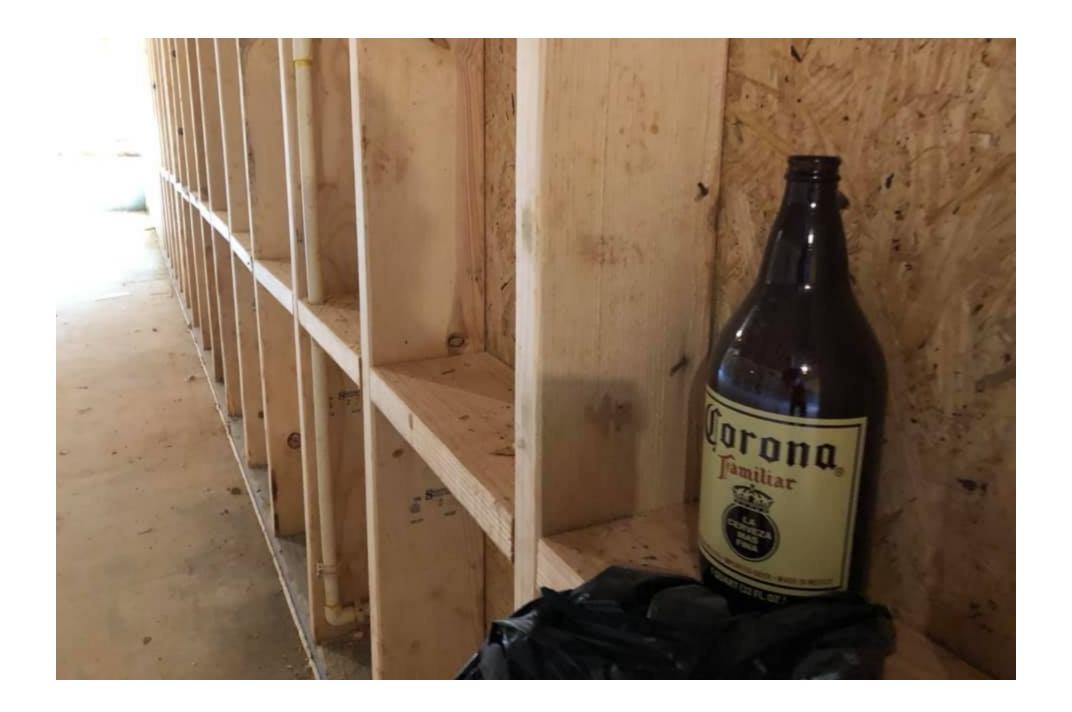
Having a new home built is a dream come true for most home buyers. It is a chance for the buyer to have input into the design of the house, select building materials and finishes that are just what the buyer wants and end up with a home, that uniquely reflects, the buyer's tester and

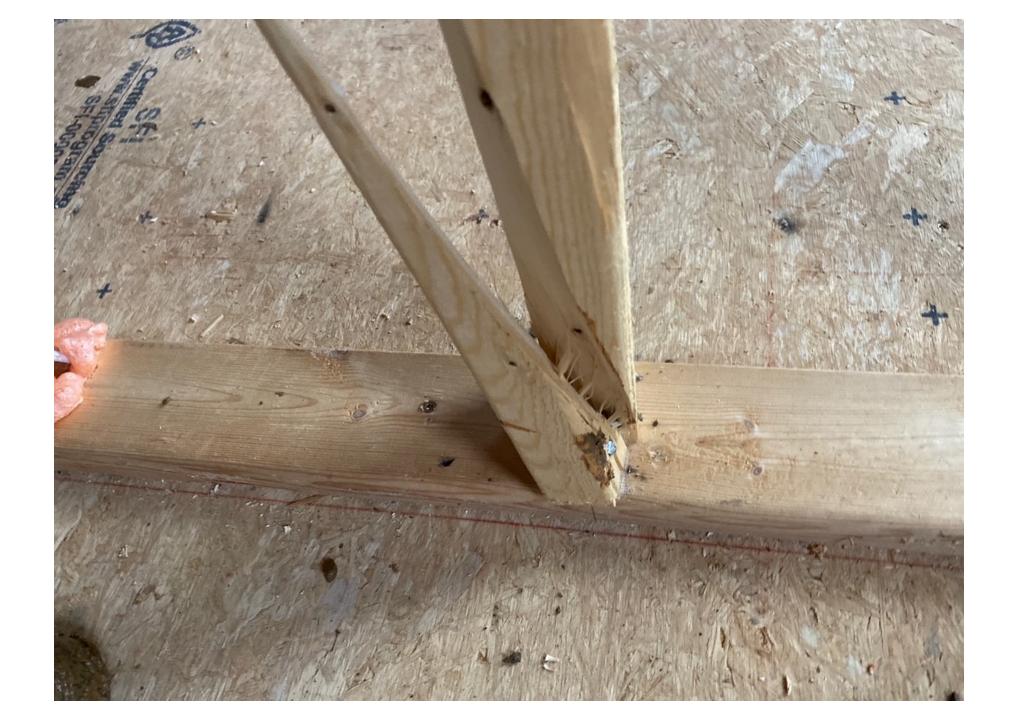
Get Your Financing Together. Few builders will construct a new home for a buyer until the buyer has arranged financing to purchase the home (unless the buyer is paying cash). Normally, the builder will give the buyer a short period of time to verify that he or she has the financial ability to purchase the property. After this time period is over, the purchase contract is no longer subject to a financing contingency. This means that if the buyer's financial status changes and the buyer can no longer afford to buy the house when it is completed, the buyer will be in breach of contract and will likely lose his or her earnest money and other construction deposits if the buyer does not close. While this may seem harsh to some buyers, not buying the home can cause significant financial hardship to the builder since the builder's money is tied up in the house until it can

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#### **Inspections**

- Foundation
- Pre-Drywall
- Final
- 1-Year Warranty

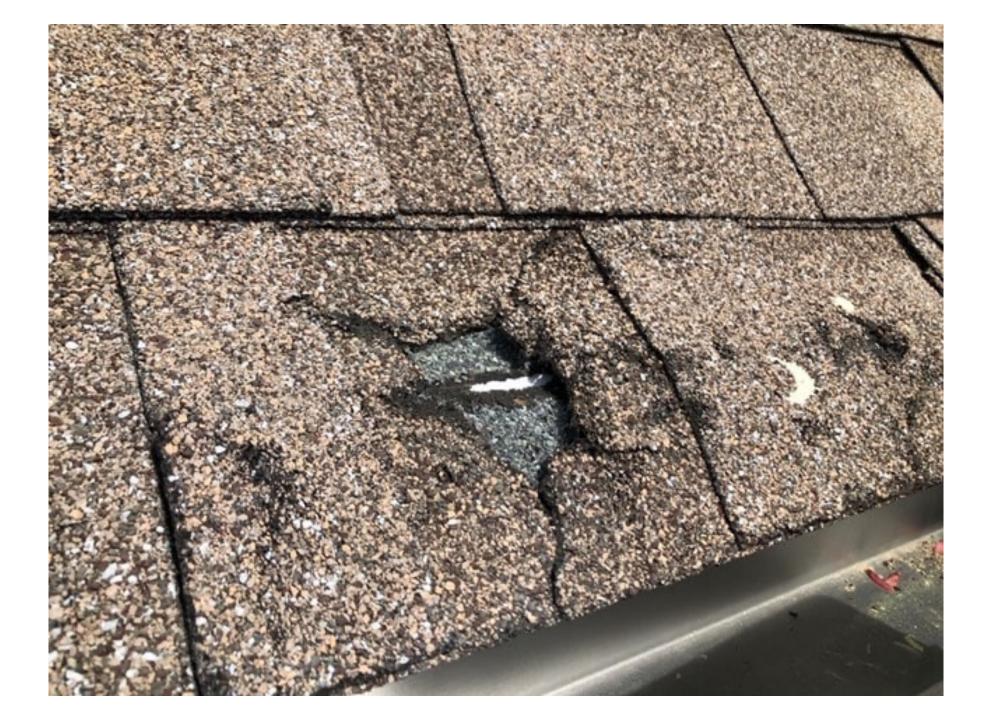










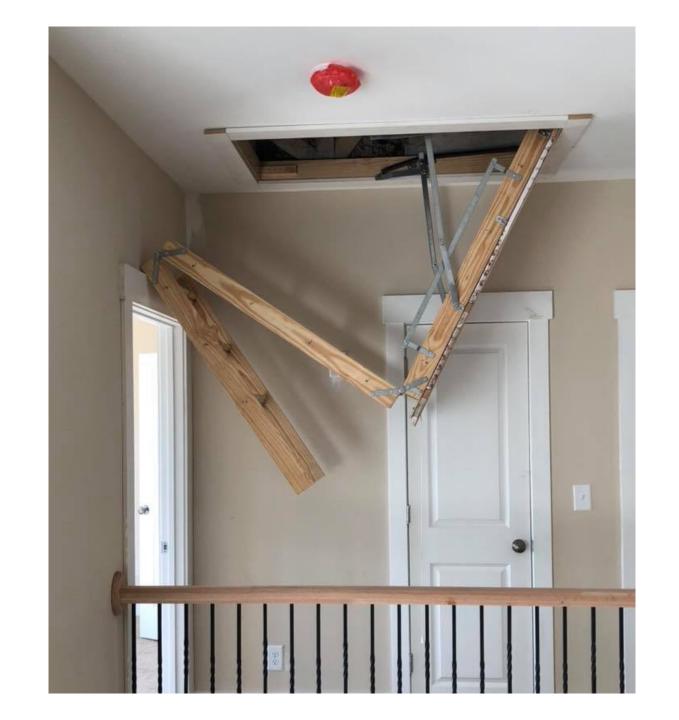












#### **CURRENT TRENDS IN NEW CONSTRUCTION**

- 1. Builders have wait lists
- 2. Supply chain issues
- 3. Almost everyone is running behind

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BUILDER REFUSES TO FIX CODE ITEMS FROM INSPECTION?

"The mandatory codes are applicable to all construction, whether or not they are locally enforced."

#### **QUESTIONS?**

#### **OUR GOAL FOR TODAY**

Empower you to quickly and confidently address "scary" inspection issues.

#### MAIN TAKE AWAYS

1. Agents with a plan look like heroes

2. Informed clients are not easily scared







**INSPECTIONS** 

HOME COMMERCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL



#### **ONE-STOP-SHOP**

- Radon Testing
- Mold Testing
- Termite Letters (Free)
- Pool Inspections
- Thermal Imaging (Free)
- Sewer/SepticInspections

- Drone Inspections
- Commercial
- New Construction

SCHEDULING INSPECTIONS

**Three Options** 





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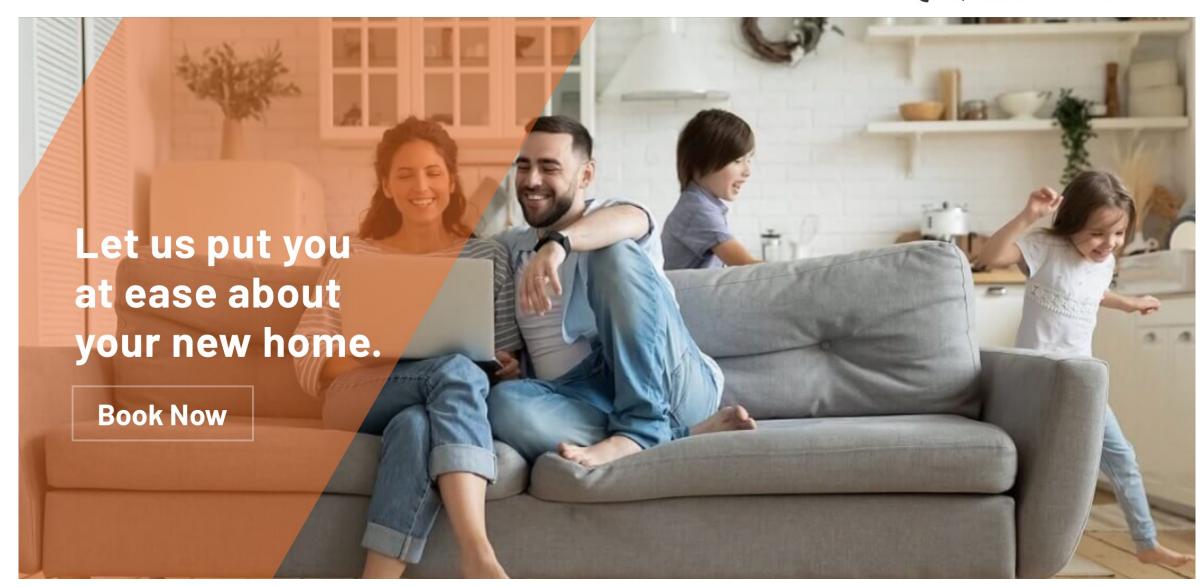
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