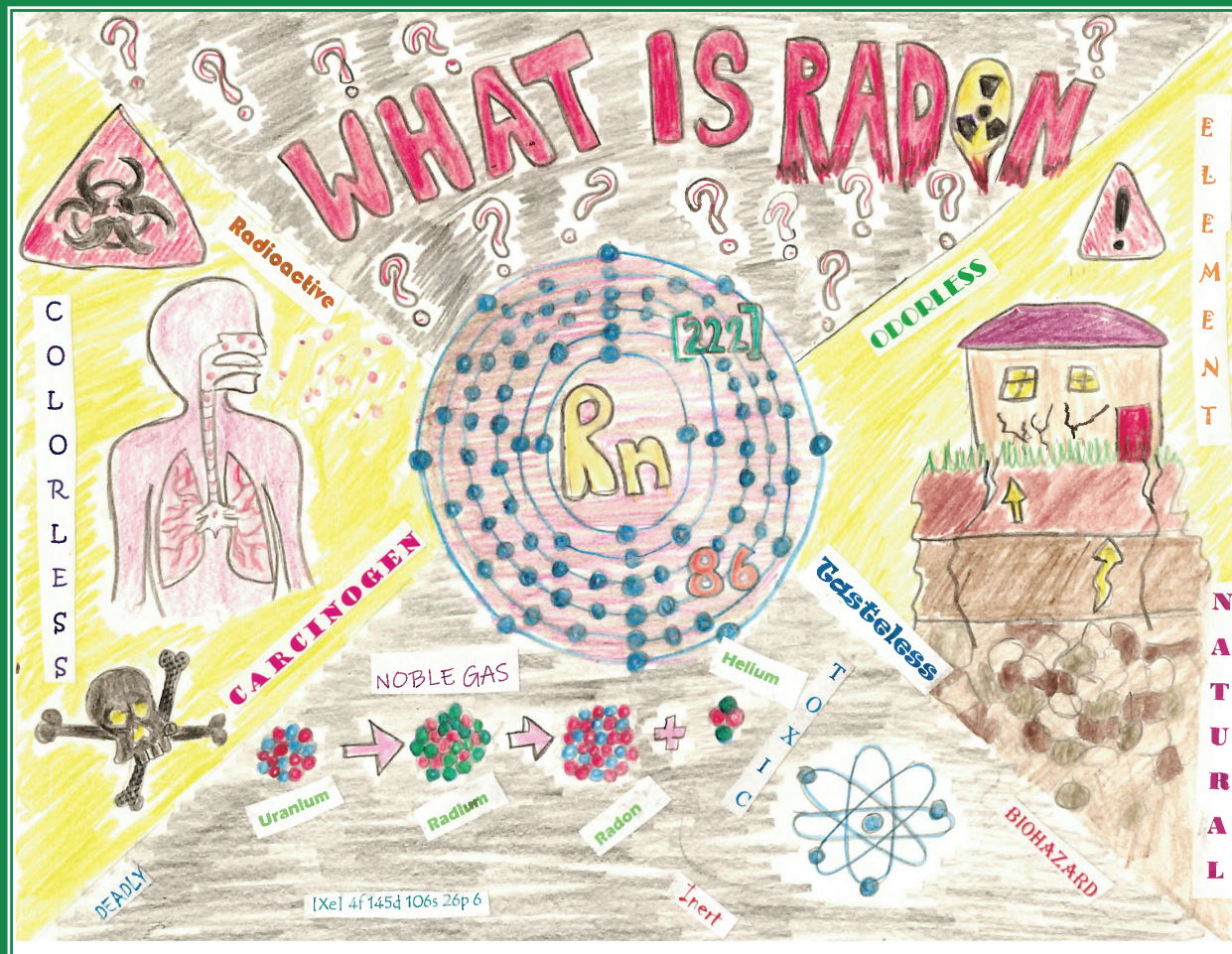


# 2024 S.C. Radon Poster Contest



First place winner of the 2023 South Carolina Radon Poster Contest  
Aydin, Columbia, SC

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

**R**adon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that can cause lung cancer. The U.S. Surgeon General lists radon exposure as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element comes from the ground and can easily enter homes and buildings through foundation openings. The only way to detect the amount of radon gas present is to test for it.

# 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 \$50 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.

The first place winner will be entered in the National Radon Poster Contest, sponsored by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and the American Lung Association.

## 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.
6. Mitigating radon in your home.

## Artwork Requirements:

- Artwork must be original.
- Must not have student's name on the front of the artwork.
- The topic and title must be on the Artwork Submission Form (available at [des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-air-quality/air-pollution/radon/radon-poster-contest](https://des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-air-quality/air-pollution/radon/radon-poster-contest)).
- Submit on white paper. Size preferred is 11x17 or 8.5x11 but all submission sizes will be accepted.
- Can be created with pencil, 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 not allowed.

## Judging Criteria:

- Content accuracy on radon
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility (large letters, good contrast)
- Originality
- No grammatical and/or typographical errors.

## Entry Submission:

- Entries must be received by October 31, 2024.
- 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 [des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-air-quality/air-pollution/radon/radon-poster-contest](https://des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-air-quality/air-pollution/radon/radon-poster-contest).

The poster entry and Artwork Submission Form must be received no later than October 31, 2024. Submit all entries to: S.C. Radon Poster Contest, SCDES, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

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