



**Welcome back to the Homeowners Newsletter!**

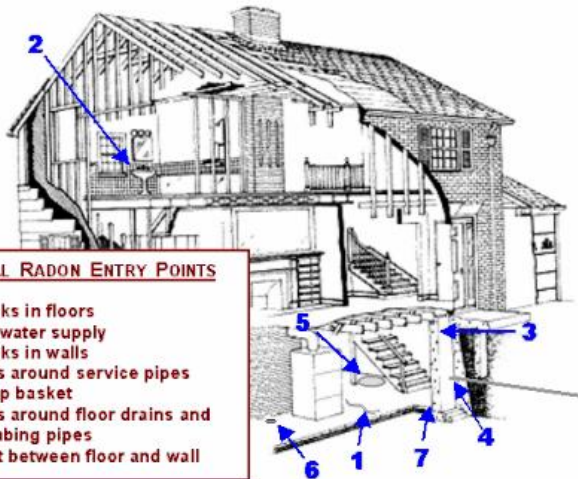
As we close out 2011 and look forward to the new year, we would like to again send a huge **“Thank you”** to every one of our clients and referrals for honoring us with your business! We know you have a choice, so we appreciate each opportunity to serve your inspection and radon measurement needs.

As always, if there are subjects you would like to see addressed, please contact us and tell us what you would like to see.

**Living With Radon**

**Holiday Special for our newsletter recipients!**

Get a Radon Measurement of your home for only \$75! That’s \$50 off our regular pricing of \$125 (we always offer a \$25 discount to our home inspection customers)! **Call us at (877) 366-6052 to schedule your measurement.**



**Service Spotlight**

This segment, new this month, highlights a service provider you may need now or sometime in the future. This month, we’re featuring Wallace Barber State Farm Insurance in Lexington. Call Wallace to discuss your home, auto, and life insurance needs.



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**Your December “Do List”**

This month...

- Inspect your holiday decorations for damage, frayed wiring, and replace or repair as necessary. Be careful not to overload cords and outlets.
- Check caulking around windows and weather-stripping around doors. A little attention to this important detail will pay for itself quickly.
- Check around the foundation and seal any cracks.
- Make sure the crawlspace entry is closed and secure. Rodents and small animals are looking for warm environments, too.

**Tip of the Month – More Holiday Safety**

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, candles account for more than 12,000 fires annually. If you use candles in your holiday decorations, always blow them out before going to bed or leaving (leave yourself a reminder). Curious children are fascinated by fire, so be sure to store matches and lighters out of your children’s reach.

Home heating fires peak during the winter months. With increased fireplace use, chimney fires are a greater risk, as are fires caused by errant sparks. Have your chimney or flu inspected and cleaned. You should have this done once a year to reduce the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning due to creosote build-up or obstructions in the chimney. Always use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from getting out of the fireplace. Never burn wrapping paper in the fireplace as it can cause an intense burst of heat that can lead to a fire.

Portable heaters are involved in a large number of home fires and, in fact, are responsible for the majority of fatal home heating fires. The most common cause of a space heater fire is leaving it too close to something that can burn such as a blanket or curtains. Space heaters should be positioned at least three feet away from objects and placed on a firm surface to prevent tipping. Never leave a space heater unattended and always shut them off before going to bed. Objects such as coats and gloves should never be placed on a space heater to dry.

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