



## Larry Oppegaard

For 16 years, Larry Oppegaard of Greensboro has been educating people about the health risks of radon, the colorless and odorless radioactive gas known to cause cancer. Radon is present in many homes, unbeknownst to the occupants. EPA calls it “The Silent Killer”.

Larry has revealed the health dangers of radon gas in homes to his Clients while in business as a NC Licensed Home Inspector for 16 years. He has performed radon measurements in thousands of homes. In 2005, Larry earned Dual Certifications from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). One certification qualifies him to accurately measure radon levels. The other certification qualifies him to design and install effective radon elimination systems. During the past six years, he has constructed hundreds of pipe-and-fan systems in all types of homes throughout central North Carolina. His business, known as Radon Rid, is run on principles of environmental awareness. Larry minimizes its impact on the planet through diligent practice of the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle philosophy.

Larry has made it his mission to educate homeowners about this silent killer. He has produced and aired educational segments on Public TV Channel 8, and has been interviewed on News Channel 14. He speaks to Home Inspectors, Real Estate Agents, and civic groups. He advises, supports and promotes the Dusty Joy Foundation, a High Point based nonprofit dedicated to raising public awareness of radon. As a public service, Larry and Radon Rid provided free radon tests for the Greensboro Children’s Museum.

There is a special need right now to educate medical patients suffering lung and breathing problems. With a B.S. Degree in Biology from UNC-Charlotte, Larry clearly understands the complicated effects of radon exposure on human lung tissue, yet he can explain it in layman’s terms. He is currently forming alliances with Health Care Providers, especially Pulmonologists and Oncologists, to encourage patients to test their homes for radon. Eliminating elevated radon levels can prevent further lung damage in their home environment, and possibly save their family’s health. The compounded risk for smokers is an emphasis item. With radon, elimination is key to reducing lung cancer deaths.

Larry had two previous careers as a US Air Force Pilot, and Airline Captain. He lives in Greensboro with his son, daughter, and dog.