

January is National Radon Action Month. Have You Tested Your Home For Radon?

National Radon Action Month serves to remind us of the serious health risk associated with exposure to elevated indoor radon levels. This naturally occurring radioactive gas leaks into homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, and over time, exposure can result in an increased risk of lung cancer.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, and it is believed to responsible for an estimated 21,000 deaths per year. More than 600 of those are projected to occur in Michigan.

THESE DEATHS ARE PREVENTABLE!

Testing for radon is easy and inexpensive, and elevated radon levels can be reduced. One in eight Michigan homes would be expected to have an elevated indoor radon level, and in some counties more than 40% of the homes would be expected to have a problem. Branch, Hillsdale and St. Joseph Counties are in the EPA 'red' zone for the counties in Michigan with the highest risk. The only way to know if YOUR home has a problem is to test.

Federal, state, local, and volunteer organizations across the country are urging Americans to test their homes for radon during National Radon Action Month, and, as necessary, take action to reduce their exposure.

Protecting your family from radon starts with testing YOUR home. Get more information and an easy to use, free of charge, test kit at the Branch- Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency. Or, for more information, call the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Indoor Radon Program at 1-800-RADON GAS (1-800-723-6642)

Kits are available at:

Coldwater
570 Marshall Road
279-9561

Hillsdale
20 Care Drive
437-7395

Three Rivers
1110 Hill Street
273-2161

Branch – Hillsdale – St. Joseph Community Health Agency
You local Public Health Department

For more, visit us at

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