



NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: Test Your Home for Radon

For Immediate Release

Health Department offers Radon test kits for Radon Action Month

During National Radon Action Month the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department is encouraging citizens to test their homes for radon by offering free test kits to residents. We are asking residents to bring a non-perishable food item that has **not expired** to our department and outreach events in exchange for a free short term test kit. One Discounted test kit per household. Without the donation of a non-perishable item a short term test kit costs \$7.00 and long term test kit cost \$20.00. All items collected during outreach events will be donated to a local food bank. Please note that postage on the test kit is not included.

Radon is a naturally occurring odorless, colorless gas found in rock and soil. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, claiming the lives of an estimated 20,000 Americans each year. In Wisconsin about 1 out of 10 homes contains high radon levels.

The radon test kit is easy to use and only takes a few minutes to set up. Once you open it, the kit stays in your home for two days. Then you will package it and mail it to the lab for analysis. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Surgeon General strongly recommends all homes be tested for radon. Homes with radon levels of **four picocuries per Liter (4 pCi/L) or higher should be remediated**. If you choose to have a mitigation system installed, it is recommended that the system be installed by a certified mitigation professional.

Certified Environmental Health staff will be handing out the kits and answering questions at the following time and locations:

Friday, January 17th, 2024 from 9am to 1pm

- Saukville Village Hall - 639 E. Green Bay Avenue, Saukville WI 53080
- Trenton Town Hall – 1071 Highway 33, West Bend, WI 53095

Kits may be also obtained at locations listed below during regular office hours.

Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department
333 E Washington Street, Suite 1100
West Bend, WI 53095

OR

Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department
121 W Main Street – Room 246
Port Washington, WI 53074

More information as well as a list of certified radon contractors can be found at www.lowradon.org.