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Free Test Kits Available During Radon Action Month

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — In recognition of National Radon Action Month, the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department is providing free radon test kits throughout January. This initiative is part of efforts to raise awareness about the risks of radon exposure and encourage residents to protect their homes and families.

“Radon is a silent threat that can impact anyone, regardless of where they live,” said Lucas Pols, Environmental Health Division Manager. “By offering free radon test kits, we hope to empower our residents to identify potential radon hazards and take steps to mitigate them. This simple, at-home test can help you reduce your risk of lung cancer.”

Those wishing to test radon levels in their homes can come to the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department, located at 311 E. Alcott Street, to receive their free radon test kit while supplies last. The kits include instructions on properly conducting the test and submitting results. These kits, which usually cost \$10, can detect the invisible gas and are available at the Environmental Health Division front desk.

Radon comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water, but can sneak into buildings through cracks in the foundation. Over time, these radioactive particles can build up in the air, threatening those who breathe it in with an increased risk of lung cancer.

Long-term test kits that test the air for at least three months and up to one year are available online from the State of Michigan Indoor Radon Program at www.mi.radon.com.

To learn more about radon, contact the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department’s Environmental Health Division at 269-373-5210 or visit www.kalamazoo.gov/eh.

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