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Keep Your Home Safe by Testing for Radon

DuPage County—January is National Radon Awareness Month and the DuPage County Health Department is urging homeowners to be aware of the dangers of radon and have their homes tested for the presence of this odorless, tasteless and colorless gas.

Radon, a radioactive gas, is estimated to cause as many as 20,000 deaths from lung cancer each year throughout the United States. In fact, the Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States today, following tobacco use.

Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Surgeon General recommend testing all homes for the presence of radon. Testing is inexpensive, easy, and should only take a few minutes. Millions of Americans have already tested their homes for radon. Do-it-yourself test kits are inexpensive and can be purchased at hardware stores, home improvement stores and over the Internet. These kits are cost-effective and offer an easy way to screen your home. Professional testing services are also available.

National Radon Awareness Month is sponsored by the U.S. EPA. More information regarding testing and radon reduction systems is available at www.epa.gov/radon/national-radon-action-month-consumer-information and https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/2016_a_citizens_guide_to_radon.pdf.

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