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IT'S COLD OUTSIDE! SO TEST YOUR HOME FOR RADON!

Winter is officially here, and this is a perfect time to test for radon! Often called an “invisible killer”, radon is an invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas that naturally occurs due to the breakdown of uranium in soils, rocks, and water. According to the American Lung Association, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and can cause lung cancer in anyone – even those who have never smoked.

Radon enters our homes through cracks or openings in the foundation, slab, or sump pits, and can quickly accumulate to dangerous levels. When your home is closed up tight, and your furnace is on, the warm air rising can pull even more radon in through these openings. Because radon is odorless and colorless, the only way to know if there is a problem in your home is to test for it. Fortunately, testing for radon is quick and easy! It's as simple as opening the package, placing a radon detector in your home in the appropriate area, and after the recommended number of days, sealing the detector back in the package and mailing it to the lab for analysis.

Elkhart County recently received a very limited number of free radon test kits from the American Lung Association for Elkhart County residents. These test kits are currently available on a first come first serve basis until January 31, 2025, at the Environmental Division of the Elkhart County Health Department. Visit our office in person at 4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen, mention this article and be able to show residency in order to obtain your free radon test kit. Test kits can also be purchased at your local hardware stores or from a licensed radon tester.

Please contact the Elkhart County Health Department at 574-971-4600 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and until 5 p.m. on Monday for more information on testing your home for radon today.

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