



SHEBOYGAN COUNTY

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Radon Tests Recommended for County Homes

January is national radon action month. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recommended that all residents test their home at least once for the presence of radon gas. If high levels of radon gas are detected, simple steps can be taken to correct the problem and make your home safe.

Radon is an invisible, odorless, tasteless gas, which can enter your home through cracks in the foundation, openings around joints and pipes, and dirt floors. Radon can build to high levels inside your home, and long-term exposure to these high levels of radon is a risk for lung cancer. The Surgeon General advises that, after cigarette smoke, exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon combined with cigarette smoke poses an increased risk of lung cancer.

The only way to know if you have a safe level of radon inside your home is to conduct a radon test. The test is simple, quick, and inexpensive. For the month of January, the Sheboygan County Health and Human Service Department will be offering a limited supply of short and long term test kits for a reduced fee of \$5 dollars and \$10 dollars respectively. The kits may be picked up at the Sheboygan County Health and Human Service Department, 1011 N. 8th St., Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. If you have any questions, or want more information on radon, please contact the Sheboygan County Health and Human Service Department at 920-459-3207, or visit www.lowradon.org.

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