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JANUARY IS RADON ACTION MONTH

(Adrian, MI) The Lenawee County Health Department recognizes January is National Radon Action Month. The Lenawee County Health Department encourages any Lenawee County Resident who has never tested their home for radon, to test their homes and take necessary action to reduce their exposure to radon. If testing has been conducted previously, further routine testing is generally not necessary.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in almost any kind of soil or rock. It travels through the ground and when released to the atmosphere, it is quickly diluted. However, when it enters a building through openings in the foundation floor or walls, it tends to be more concentrated than outdoors. Exposure to radon over time increases one's risk of contracting lung cancer. It is believed that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the leading cause among nonsmokers. The EPA estimates that radon results in more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States annually. Radon levels can vary significantly from home to home. Testing your own home is the only way to know if your family is at risk.

Radon test kits will be available free of charge, at the Lenawee County Health Department in the month of January 2018. The health department is located at 1040 South Winter St., (Suite #2328 in the Human Services Building), Adrian, Michigan 49221. Radon test kits will be available during normal business hours of 8 am to 12 pm and 1-4:30 pm. For more information on radon, visit our website at lenaweehealthdepartment.org.

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