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Have You Tested Your Home? January is Radon Action Month

Have you tested your home for radon gas? The U.S. Surgeon General recommends all homes be tested for radon, which is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas. While exposure to elevated levels may increase your risk for developing lung cancer, you can reduce your exposure by testing your home and taking appropriate actions to reduce elevated levels.

Many Ohio counties, including those in the Miami Valley, are designated Zone 1 by U.S. EPA, meaning the highest potential for elevated radon levels exists. The Ohio Department of Health indicates that 50 percent of Ohio homes have elevated radon levels and may require mitigation.

Radon problems can be fixed, but the only way to know if elevated levels exist in your home is to test. Several local health departments are offering free radon test kits to residents, and all Ohio homeowners can purchase a radon test kit for \$5.95 from Air-Chek, Inc. Visit www.rapca.org/radon for more information.

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