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GREENFIELD RESIDENTS CAN PURCHASE A RADON TEST KIT FOR ONLY \$5.00
January is Radon Action Month

GREENFIELD, Wis. — 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. When combined with cigarette smoke, radon poses an increased risk for lung cancer.

“It is easy for homeowners to test their homes for radon exposure,” stated Darren Rausch, Health Officer/Director. “We encourage testing for radon during the winter months to get the most accurate results. Testing for radon has provided piece of mind to hundreds of Greenfield home owners since 2010.”

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. The Greenfield Health Department is currently offering a limited supply of test kits for a reduced fee of \$5.00, which includes radon information and lab testing fees. The kits may be picked up at the Greenfield Health Department, 7325 W Forest Home Avenue – Room 104, during the normal business hours of 8AM – 5PM, Monday – Friday. If you have any questions, or want more information on radon, please contact the Greenfield Health Department by phone 414-329-5275, by email at health@greenfieldwi.us or visit www.lowradon.org.

From 2010-2018, radon testing data identified over 67 percent of Greenfield homes tested had elevated test results. The average elevated test result was 10.2 pCi/L, well above the acceptable level of 4.0 pCi/L.

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