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Re: Know your health risk: Genesee County Health Department offers free Radon Testing Kits

Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) will offer free radon test kits for local residents to check radon gas levels in their homes as part of National Radon Action Week, October 17 through 21. Radon is a Class A known human carcinogen according to the US Department of Health and Human Services and the EPA. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S., causing approximately 22,000 deaths each year. The first cause is smoking.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible, and odorless gas that is harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air. When trapped in buildings, radon can be harmful at elevated levels. As the weather cools, we spend more time indoors with windows and doors closed, potentially increasing radon levels in our homes.

The only way to know if a building has radon gas is to test for it. It is easy to check your home for radon gas. If elevated levels of Radon are found, they can be reduced. Test kits are available at area hardware stores, home improvement centers, direct from laboratories, and from most health departments.

Free short-term radon test kits are available from the Genesee County Health Department during normal business hours, 8:00am to 5:00pm (closed from noon-1pm for lunch) through the week of October 17-21. Please stop by and pick one up today. GCHD is located at 630 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, in the McCree Court Building on the 2nd floor. If you have questions regarding radon testing, please call the Environmental Health Division of the Genesee County Health Department at (810) 257-3603.

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