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Don't delay, test for radon today

January is National Radon Action Month, and the Kane County Health Department, in conjunction with the Kane County Healthy Places Coalition, recommends that it is a good time to test your home for the presence of radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally from the breakdown of uranium and is one of the leading causes of lung cancer in the world, along with smoking and secondhand smoke.

Rocks and soil can contain uranium. Radon gas can enter through cracks in homes/buildings/schools and expose people to the radiation. Because of the geology in the Midwestern United States, homes in Kane County have the potential for higher levels of radon.

The Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan targets chronic diseases such as cancer and the department recommends that all homes in Kane County be tested for radon. Testing kits are available for \$15 from the Kane County Health Department and Kane County Development Office. This cost includes the kit, cost of mailing to a certified lab for analysis, and results. Kits are available at these locations:

- Aurora Health Department Office, 1240 N. Highland Avenue, Suite 5, Aurora
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Kane County Development Office, 719 South Batavia Avenue, 4th Floor, Geneva
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Elgin Health Department Office, 1750 Grandstand Place, Suite 2, Elgin
Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Test kits also are available at most local hardware stores.

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A Speakers Bureau has been created to offer free radon presentations to the community. [CLICK HERE](#) for our online Radon Presentation Request Form. Contact Terry Roman at 630-264-7653 or at RomanTerry@co.kane.il.us with questions. More information and resources about radon is available on the Health Department's website at kanehealth.com/radon.htm.

You also can visit radon displays at your local library, which is another Coalition awareness effort this month.

The Kane County Healthy places Coalition is a group of community residents and stakeholders interested in environmental health. You can participate in the next Kane County Healthy Places Coalition Meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Jan. 30, at the Kane County Government Center, Building A, Ground Floor Auditorium, 719 S. Batavia Av. Geneva.

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