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“Give a Can, Get a Kit” Radon Testing Offered in January

January is National Radon Action Month; have you tested your home in the last two years?

The Benzie Leelanau District Health Department wants to remind community members that regular testing for radon (every two years) in your home, office, and school is an important way to protect your health. This January, participate in our “give a can, get a kit” event where bringing in a non-perishable item to be donated to a local food pantry will get you a free radon test kit.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, behind smoking. Because you can’t see, smell or taste radon, the only way to know if you have elevated levels is by doing a test. Testing every two years is suggested as homes settle and slight cracks in the foundation of a home can result in changing radon levels. Radon reduction systems can be installed to help reduce radon to acceptable levels.

Most homes contain some concentration of radon and should be tested. About 12% of homes in Michigan have unsafe levels of radon. In some counties, as many as 45% of homes are at risk. With testing, radon is easy to detect and remove from your home.

Kits can be picked up – and non-perishable food items dropped off – at Health Department Offices in Benzonia and Lake Leelanau Monday-Friday between 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM- 4:30PM until January 31, 2020.

Be sure to test your home for radon this year and keep your family safe from unseen hazards.

For additional information about radon, visit the Environmental Protection Agency’s site (epa.gov/radon). For additional information about radon test kits, please call 1-800-432-4121.

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