



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RADON ACTION MONTH

January is Radon Action Month. LMAS offers radon test kits and educational materials at all offices, community events, and health fairs. Environmental Health staff distribute and track kits, review results to identify areas of concern, and provide guidance to homeowners at high risk for radon exposure on mitigation solutions.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless, meaning testing is the only way to know if levels are elevated. An estimated 1 in 4 Michigan homes may have radon levels above the federal action level, and radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, after smoking.

Radon levels can change over time as homes settle and new cracks form in foundations, which is why testing is recommended every two years. If test results show radon levels at or above 4 pCi/L, the USEPA recommends installing a radon mitigation system to reduce exposure and protect indoor air quality.

For more information visit the [Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Michigan Indoor Radon Program](#) website and the [CDC](#) website.



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