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January is Radon Awareness Month – Give a Can, Get a Kit!

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) wants to remind our community 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.



Elevated levels of Radon are present in 13% of homes tested in Grand Traverse County. “In the winter, when windows stay closed all the time, Radon can rise to especially high levels in a home. If you breathe the gas, it will increase your chances for developing lung cancer,” said Dan Thorell, Environmental Health Director for the Grand Traverse County Health Department.

Kits can be picked up – and non-perishable food items dropped off – at the Environmental Health Division of the GTCHD at 2650 LaFranier Rd., Monday-Friday between 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-4:30PM until January 31, 2020.

Radon Pathways into the Home; Source: www.health.state.mn.us/radon

For additional information about the test kits, please call (231) 995-6051.

For more information about Radon, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/radon>

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