



Dear Citizen:

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers. By testing your home for radon you are helping to protect your family. The only way to know if radon levels in your house are high is to test. If you find that your home has high radon levels, steps can be taken to safely vent the harmful radon gas from your home.

Testing for radon is easy. Beginning January 3rd, 2012, free test kits will be available while supplies last at the Ozaukee County Public Health Department, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost of the kits after the free supply runs out is \$6.00.

Once you have the kit carefully read and follow all the instructions that come with your radon test kit.

All the windows in your home must be closed for at least 12 hours before starting the test and remain closed for the time the test is running. You can still go in and out of your doors as you normally would but all the windows must remain closed on each level of the house. Fill out the information form completely so there will be no delay in reporting the results. You should record the kit number for your own reference. Place the kit paper side up on a flat surface as described in kit instructions. **Stop the test after 2 days (48 hours)! Kits are invalid if exposed longer than 96 hours.** When the test time is done, follow the instructions for sealing the kit within the enclosed mailing envelope. The information form should be completely filled out, folded in half and placed inside the envelope as well. The kit and form must be mailed immediately upon completion of the test. Our recommendation is to mail the kit as **priority mail.**

You must indicate on the form if you want the radon kit company to send you results by mail, fax or email. Once you know your radon level follow the recommendations located on the interpretative link of this webpage or call me for advice.

Thank you for testing your home and please encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to test their homes too.

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