



Free Radon Test Kits Available to Homeowners

Test Your Home for Radon...It's the Only Way to Know- Testing your home for radon is the only way to know the level of radon in your home. High radon levels in your home may increase the risk of lung cancer to your or your family. A limited supply of radon test kits are available from the West Windsor Health Department, free of charge, for residents of West Windsor, Robbinsville and Hightstown. For more information on requesting test kits, please <u>click here</u>.

West Windsor Township Health Department is partnering with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Radon Section in a special radon awareness program to promote testing of radon in residential homes. In its "Radon Awareness Program", the NJDEP Radon Section provides outreach assistance to promote radon testing in homes. A limited supply of free radon tests kits is available in the Health Department for homeowners on a first come, first serve basis. West Windsor Health Department provides services to the communities of West Windsor, Robbinsville and Hightstown. Residents are encouraged to contact the office at 609-936-8400 to check availability, reserve a kit or request educational materials.

The Health Department is pleased to cooperate with the NJDEP in this program to ensure that all residents are aware of the need to test homes and reduce radon levels where necessary. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon. Radon testing is easy and problems can be mitigated.

High radon levels are associated with a greater risk of lung cancer. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. Overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer resulting in approximately 21,000 deaths in the United States per year. It is recommended that homes be mitigated if they have radon concentrations of 4 pCi/L or more.

Homeowners who tested in the past and found low levels of radon may wish to retest to determine if radon concentrations may have changed, due to changes in air flow within the house from new additions or other renovations, or due to new construction nearby that may have caused changes in the local geology.

In addition to test kits provided by the West Windsor Township Health Department, the DEP's Radon Section can provide a list of state-certified companies that provide testing services or do-it-yourself test kits, as well as companies that provide radon remediation services. For more information on radon, contact the Health Department at (609)-936-8400 or the NJDEP Radon Section at (800) 648-0294. The following websites provide additional resources: www.njradon.org; http://www.epa.gov/radon/; and www.westwindsornj.org which includes our Radon FAQ.