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January is Radon Awareness Month

[Florence, WI] –

Have you tested your home for Radon? Radon is an odorless, colorless, radioactive gas, found naturally in the soil. The gas can seep into homes and buildings through the foundation. Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung and other cancers. Since you cannot see or smell radon, the only way to be sure of the amount of radon in your home is to perform a test.

Smoking or vaping is the number one cause of lung and other cancers. Quitting smoking, vaping or smokeless tobacco could be a top goal for 2022.

Winter months are ideal for testing because doors and windows are kept closed so the test is more accurate. Kits are available from the Florence County Health Department for \$10 or from most hardware stores at a similar cost. The EPA standard of a safe level in the home is less than 4 picocuries per liter. The test is easy to do with a simple package which is mailed in to test the results.

For more information, go to the Florence County Health Department webpage at <http://www.florencecountywi.com/>, visit the state website at www.lowradon.org, or visit the EPA site at www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html. The Florence County Health Department is located on the first floor of the courthouse or call Sara Jerue at 715-528-3426.

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