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“Give a Can, Get a Kit” Radon Testing Offered in October

October 19-23, 2020 is National Radon Action Week; have you tested your home in the last two years?

District Health Department No. 4 wants to remind community members that regular testing for radon (every two years) in your home, office, and school is an important way to protect your health. **The week of October 19-23**, participate in our “give a can, get a kit” event where bringing in a non-perishable, non-expired 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 7-24% of homes in Alpena, Cheboygan, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties. According to Kevin Prevost, Director of Environmental Health, “There are no warning signs for radon and the only way to know if there is a risk of exposure is to test. When property owners test for radon, they can identify problems early and take steps to reduce elevated radon levels.”

Kits can be picked up – and non-perishable, non-expired food items can be dropped off at DHD4 offices in Alpena, Cheboygan, Atlanta, and Rogers City, Monday-Friday between 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-4:00PM October 19-23, 2020.

For additional information about radon, visit the Environmental Protection Agency’s site (epa.gov/radon). For additional information about radon test kits, please call 1-800-221-0294.

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