

January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is a cancer-causing radioactive gas. You cannot see, smell or taste radon, but it may be a problem in your home. Half of homes tested in Garfield County have elevated levels of Radon. Free Radon Test Kits are available from Garfield County Public Health. Pick up your FREE coupon at either the Glenwood or Rifle Public Health offices or call 970-665-6383.

More information:

January is Radon Action Month, a perfect time for people to test their homes for radon. This radioactive gas is responsible for hundreds of cancer deaths in Colorado each year. Long-term exposure to radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. Radon is naturally occurring and rarely an issue outdoors, however, in buildings, it accumulates unless properly vented. It comes from the radioactive decay of uranium, which occurs naturally in soil. Radon is colorless, odorless, and tasteless, and can enter homes through cracks in the floor or spaces around utility pipes. Due to Colorado's geologic makeup, 52 of the state's 64 counties are at high risk for radon, including Garfield County. The gas moves unpredictably through soil, so it's possible for radon to collect in one home, but not in a home next door. Testing is easy and free! Please stop by either the Glenwood Springs or Rifle Garfield County Public Health offices or call the department at 970-665-6383 for a FREE Radon Test Kit Coupon.