

Radon Testing Kits are Available

January is National Radon Action Month. The Bernards Township Health Department has 200 radon detection canisters available free of charge for homeowners who are residents of Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Chester Borough, Long Hill Township, Mendham Borough, and Peapack and Gladstone Borough. Please post and distribute the attached flyer to your community. To obtain a radon canister, please visit the Bernards Township Health Department at 262 South Finley Ave, Basking Ridge. One kit per homeowner is available on a first-come basis.

Radon is a color-less, odorless, tasteless, gas that comes from the breakdown of naturally occurring uranium in soil and rock. Radon gas moves up through the soil and finds its way into homes through cracks in the foundation and openings around pumps, pipes, and drains. Studies have shown that prolonged exposure to radon may cause lung tissue damage in a way that can eventually lead to lung cancer. Any home may have high levels of radon even if neighboring homes do not. Testing your home is an easy method for detecting high radon levels, and homes with high levels can be mitigated. The winter is the best time of year to test for radon since it is heating season and all windows and doors are closed. Kits are available for use in single-family homes only. No condo or townhouse buildings are permitted. Each homeowner must come in person to obtain a canister. For additional resources visit:

<http://www.bernardshealth.org/EnvironmentalContaminants.aspx>

Residents of Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Chester Borough, Long Hill Township, Mendham Borough, and Peapack and Gladstone Borough can take advantage of this important opportunity to check the radon level in their home.