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Colorado Is Ranked 7th Highest In The Country For Radon Gas

Mesa County Residents Encouraged to Test Homes

During the month of January, Radon Action Month, the Mesa County Health Department is encouraging residents to test their homes for elevated levels of radon. Testing homes for radon levels is simple and inexpensive.

Test kits can be purchased at local hardware and home improvement stores or you can call Mesa County Health Department's Indoor Air Program and request a test kit coupon. The coupon includes information about radon and an order form for a radon test kit from the National Safety Council for \$9.95 including the analysis.

The Mesa County Indoor Air Quality Program is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a nationwide campaign to educate Americans about the dangers of radon exposure and to encourage them to take action to protect their homes and families by testing their homes for Radon.

Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless, tasteless gas that is dispersed in outdoor air but can reach harmful levels when trapped in buildings. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. after smoking and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

For more information on radon, radon testing and mitigation, or to get test kit coupons call Anna Rice, Indoor Air Quality at 683-6647 or visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/radon.

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