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Press Release

Killingworth Health Department Offering Radon Test Kits

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The Killingworth Health Department has a limited supply of radon test kits for distribution to residents at no charge. The test kits have been provided by the State Health Department and are available on a first come, first served basis. Residents are asked to visit the Killingworth Health Department to obtain a test kit.

All homes should be tested for radon. Recent mapping of test results from prior years has shown elevated radon levels scattered throughout Killingworth. Ideally, testing should be done during the colder months when doors and windows are kept closed. Instructions will be provided with each test kit.

Some facts about radon- you can't see it, smell it, or taste it, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the decay of naturally occurring radium and uranium in the earth. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America and claims the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year.

Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk and testing radon levels in your home can help reduce unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take steps to fix the problem to protect yourself and your family, typically at a cost ranging from \$1,200 - \$1,500.

Test kits are also available in most hardware stores and from the American Lung Association, <https://www.lung.org/our-initiatives/healthy-air/indoor/indoor-air-pollutants/radon.html>.

Additional information may be found on the EPA web site, <http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>, or the CT Department of Public Health site, www.ct.gov/dph/radon.

For more information please contact the Killingworth Health Department at (860) 663-1765 x223.

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