



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

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Residents Should Pick Up a Free Radon Test Kit during Radon Action Month

Radon can't be seen, smelled, or tasted. High levels of radon gas can build up in residents' homes, making radon gas the second leading cause of lung cancer. Fortunately, testing is easy and high radon levels can be lowered.

Radon Action Month continues through the month of January, but the month is already half over! Easy, do-it-yourself radon test kits are available for free to residents of Barry and Eaton counties during this month. There is a limit of one kit per address. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and supplies are limited. Residents can pick up a kit at one of the below locations. After using it at home, they should send it to the lab for testing.

Hastings:	Health Department, 330 W. Woodlawn Ave.	(269) 945-9516, select 3, then 5
Charlotte:	Health Department, 1033 Healthcare Dr.	(517) 541-2615
Lansing:	Delta Township Hall, Assessing Department, 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy.	(517) 323-8520
Bellevue:	Riverside Café, 420 E. Capital Ave.	(269) 763-9481
Delton:	Delton District Library, 330 N. Grove St.	(269) 623-8040

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of radium. Radium, in turn, is a natural decay product of uranium. Both radium and uranium are found in almost any kind of soil and rock, often in very small amounts. Radon released from the soil outside safely disperses in the air. Inside, it can become trapped and reach harmful levels.

According to a Michigan survey, high levels of radon are expected in one out of eight Michigan homes. According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), 26% of homes in Barry County and 35% of homes in Eaton County have had radon levels higher than the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) recommended level for action. The only way to know if a home has high radon levels is to test it.

For more information about radon, residents can visit <https://www.barryeatonhealth.org/healthy-homes> or call or visit the Barry-Eaton District Health Department in Hastings at 330 W. Woodlawn Ave. ([269] 945-9516, x 35) or in Charlotte at 1033 Health Care Dr. ([517] 541-2615).