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Free Radon Kits available for Mercer County Residents

January is National Radon Action Month and you can participate by testing your home for radon gas. Free test kits are available from the Mercer County Health Department and the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that enters homes through cracks and holes in the foundation and can accumulate in indoor environments. The U.S. Surgeon General recommends all homes be tested for radon, which is colorless, odorless and tasteless. While exposure to elevated levels can increase one's risk for developing lung cancer, homeowners can reduce their exposure by testing their homes and taking appropriate actions to reduce elevated levels. Radon problems can be fixed, but the only way to know if elevated levels exist in your home is to test.

To receive your free test kit, stop by the Mercer County Health Department located at 220 W. Livingston Street in Celina; office hours are 7:30 am – 4 pm Monday through Friday. More information on radon can be found on the U.S. EPA's website at www.epa.gov/radon.

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