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### January is National Radon Action Month

January is National Radon Action Month, a great time for homeowners to learn about the risk of radon in their homes and take action to reduce exposure. Radon is a colorless, odorless soil gas that can build up in homes and may pose an increased risk of lung cancer to occupants. The only way to know if radon exists at elevated levels in a home is to test, so the U.S. EPA recommends that all homeowners take steps to test their homes.

Testing can be conducted by the homeowner with a simple test, available for \$6.95 by visiting [www.ohio.radon.com](http://www.ohio.radon.com) or calling 1-800-247-2435. Elevated indoor radon levels can be corrected with the installation of a ventilation system to direct the gas outdoors. Homeowners are able to determine the best way to address their radon levels, as testing and correction of elevated levels are not required by law.

Many Ohio counties, including those in the Miami Valley, are designated as Zone 1 counties by U.S. EPA, meaning the highest potential for elevated radon levels exists. This makes it especially important for homeowners to consider testing their homes and taking corrective action if needed. The U.S. EPA, Ohio Department of Health, and the Surgeon General recommend that all homes be tested for the presence of radon gas.

More radon information is available by visiting [www.rapca.org](http://www.rapca.org), [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon), or <http://radon.utoledo.edu>. Residents can also call the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency at 937-225-4435 with any questions.

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