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## **Health Department offers free radon testing**

Ithaca, Stanton, St. Johns- The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) is encouraging residents to test their homes for radon and is offering free test kits to those living in Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm counties.

Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. According to Liz Braddock, MMDHD Environmental Health Division Director, if you breathe radon, it will increase your chances for developing lung cancer.

Radon is a naturally occurring gas in the environment that can rise to dangerous levels in homes, especially in the winter when windows remain closed.

Radon forms when small amounts of radium and uranium start to break down in the ground. It then enters homes through cracks in walls, basement floors, foundations and other openings. The gas becomes dangerous when it gets trapped indoors and builds to high levels. Any home, new or old, could have a radon problem. This invisible gas has no smell and causes no immediate symptoms, so testing is the only way to know if radon has invaded your home.

Get your free test kit by contacting MMDHD:

Clinton County Branch Office: 1307 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns. Phone: 989-227-3110.

Gratiot County Branch Office: 151 Commerce Drive, Ithaca. Phone: 989-875-1002.

Montcalm County Branch Office: 615 N. State Street, Stanton. Phone: 989-831-3607.

For more information, please visit [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon).

*Mid-Michigan District Health Department serves the residents of Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties.*

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