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## **January is National Radon Action Month**

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

MMDHD's Health Officer, Liz Braddock says, "We encourage residents to test for radon in their homes. Free test kits are available at our branch office locations. Any home, regardless of age or structure may have elevated levels of radon, even if nearby homes do not."

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. It is tasteless, odorless, and colorless. It comes from the radioactive breakdown of radium, which comes from the radioactive decay of uranium. Both radium and uranium are found in at least trace amounts in almost any kind of soil or rock.

One in every four Michigan homes is expected to have radon levels that exceed the recommended federal action level. This is alarming because radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, behind smoking. Home radon testing is recommended every two to five years because homes settle and new cracks form in the foundation, causing radon levels to change. You can't see, smell or taste radon. The only way to know if you have elevated radon levels is to test.

Get your free radon test kit by visiting or contacting MMDHD:

- Clinton County Branch Office: 1307 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns. Phone: 989-224-2195
- Gratiot County Branch Office: 151 Commerce Drive, Ithaca. Phone: 989-875-3681
- Montcalm County Branch Office: 615 N. State Street, Stanton. Phone: 989-831-5237

For further information about radon, visit: [Michigan.gov/radon](https://Michigan.gov/radon) or [EPA.gov/radon](https://EPA.gov/radon).

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**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

(Clinton, Gratiot, Montcalm Counties)

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

has scheduled its Annual Organizational Board Meeting at

**9:00 a.m.**

**on Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

at its Montcalm Office, Conference Room A located at:

**615 N. State St., Stanton, Michigan**

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act. The Mid-Michigan District Board of Health will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, interpreters, and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon one (1) week's notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Mid-Michigan District Board of Health by emailing, writing, or calling:

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