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Grundy County Health Department providing program on Radon Risks

Grundy County Health Department wants to remind everyone that January is Radon Action Month and they want to encourage you to test your home for Radon. In an effort to promote awareness of Radon during this month, the Grundy County Health Department will host a presentation about Radon on Wednesday January 25, 2012 at 6:00 pm that is free to attend.

Many people are unaware of the risks associated with Radon for themselves and their children. Environmental Health Division staff will talk about radon, its potential impact to you and your family's health, how it gets into your home and what you can do to keep it out. They will also discuss a new law that requires disclosure of radon testing results to tenants of rental properties.

According to the Environmental Health Director Mike Boyle, "Air Chek Radon measurement kits will be given to those who attend the program. We are doing this to stress the importance of knowing your risk by measuring. We are also doing it to make people aware that the Health Department offers these test kits for sale." Results of testing performed in Grundy County show 44 percent of homes tested above the level at which it is recommended that steps be taken to reduce the presence of radon in your home. The only way to know your level is to test.

In addition to receiving a free test kit, several attendees will win Radon Measurement Testing of their home by Grundy County Health Department Environmental Health staff. This service, which will soon be offered by the Environmental Health Division, has been developed because of the importance of radon measurement testing in order to know your risks.

Information about radon is available through the Grundy County Health Department's Environmental Health web-site at www.grundyhealth.org. To purchase radon measurement test kits, you can contact the Grundy County Health Department Environmental Health Division at (815) 941-3115.