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Subject: Test Your Home for Radon during National Radon Action Month

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JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

The Washington County Health Department is encouraging citizens in Washington County to test their homes for radon this winter. A good time to do this is in January during National Radon Action Month. Each building is unique, so testing is the only way to know if you have high levels of radon in your home. To encourage county residents to test their homes, the Washington County Health Department, 333 E Washington St., Suite 1100, West Bend is continuing to offer free radon test kits (one per household). The office is open Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. If you wish to have a kit mailed to you, send the health department a check for $4 and a kit will be mailed to your home.

You may be surprised to know that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing an estimated 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year in the United States. By taking action now to prevent exposure to harmful radon gas, you can help assure your future health. Paula Mugan, Supervisor of the Environmental Health Section of the Washington County Health Department states that "Everyone should test their home for radon. If the radon level is high, a radon mitigation system should be installed by a certified radon mitigator."

More information as well as a list of Certified Radon Mitigators can be found at www.lowradon.org. Additional information can also be found on the Washington County Health Department website at www.co.washington.wi.us/chn. Environmental Health personnel are trained and ready to answer your questions about radon. They can be reached at 262-365-5878.

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