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## How to Test Your Home for Radon – It's Simple

January is Radon Action Month, an annual reminder from Kansas State Extension for homeowners to test their homes for potentially dangerous exposure levels. Radon is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas that seeps into homes from soil, reaching harmful levels without warning.

Testing is the **only accurate way** to determine radon levels. During Radon Action Month, Kansas State Extension reminds homeowners that testing is easy, reliable, and affordable. Getting started is a straightforward process that requires just a few simple steps.

1. Select a test kit. Short-term test kits (2-7 days) provide quick results; long-term kits (3-12 months) offer more accurate results. K-State Extension offices offer short term kits for approximately \$10.
2. Place the kit on the lowest lived-in floor, away from drafty areas like kitchens or bathrooms.
3. Leave the kit undisturbed for the test period, then seal it and mail it to the lab.
4. Review results. If levels are at or above 4pCi/L (picocuries per liter), retest or plan mitigation efforts.

Kansas State Extension encourages testing to be a part of every homeowner's checklist. It is fast, accurate, and can help prevent lung cancer risk. Contact your local extension office to purchase your test kit.

For additional information about Radon in Kansas, visit [www.kansasradonprogram.org](http://www.kansasradonprogram.org) or contact Julie Beeman at (620) 784-5337.

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