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## Cromwell Health Department: Celebrate Radon Action Month with a Radon Test Kit

January is National Radon Acton Month. The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Cromwell Health Department urge residents to test their homes for radon gas, the leading national environmental cause of cancer mortality. Health official estimate that radon is responsible for more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States.

A naturally occurring, radioactive gas formed from the natural decay of uranium, radon is found in rock, soil and water. While radon in outdoor air poses a relatively low risk to human health, it can enter homes from the surrounding soil and become a health hazard inside buildings.

Public Health Coordinator for the Town of Cromwell says..."You can't see, taste or smell radon. People are most of the time unaware that radon could be present in the home. Testing for radon and minimizing exposure by reducing elevated levels is very important and could save your life and the lives of those we love."

The State DPH recommends testing homes for radon during the winter months. It is simple and inexpensive. Free radon test kits are available for residents of Cromwell through the Cromwell Health Department located at the Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT. The office is open from 8:30 AM – 4 PM, Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Salvatore Nesci, Public Health Coordinator for the Town of Cromwell. He can be reached at (860) 632-3426 or at snesci@cromwellct.com.

To learn more about radon and to obtain a list of qualified radon mitigation contractors, please visit the DPH Radon Program website at ct.gov/radon.

