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WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TESTED YOUR HOME FOR RADON: VILLAGE OF NAKUSP OFFERS FREE TEST KITS TO RESIDENTS

Village of Nakusp (November 2024)

The Village of Nakusp is taking action to protect residents from lung cancer this October by participating in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge.

Too few Canadians are aware that the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers can be found right in their own homes. Radon gas is a concern across Canada, but only a radon test will indicate whether the levels in your home are a health concern to you and your family.

Residents of Nakusp are invited to protect their health by testing their homes for radon this winter with the *100 Radon Test Kit Challenge*. This free program includes a Radon Information Session that covers the health effects of radon, why it's a concern in the area, and what Health Canada recommends for homeowners. Free test kits will be available to 100 households, with details provided during the information session.

The Village of Nakusp is coordinating the program for the community, "We thought the *100 Radon Test Kit Challenge* was a great opportunity to support Nakusp and Area families as they work to protect their health. We've all learned so much about the importance of air quality over the past few years, and radon gas is a part of that equation."

"Radon is a well-established human carcinogen, and testing and reducing radon levels is an important method of lung cancer prevention," says Dr. Anne-Marie Nicol, a researcher from the Faculty of Sciences from Simon Fraser University, "Residential radon is marked as Canadians' primary exposure to radon; preventing radon exposure will reduce the number of Canadians dying of lung cancer."

"Too many Canadians have heard about radon gas but haven't yet tested their homes," says Pam Warkentin, Executive Director of CARST and Project Manager, *Take Action on Radon*. "Whether this is the first time you're hearing about radon or the hundredth time... if you haven't gotten around to testing your home, this is your chance to stop putting it off and get your radon test." For those who have tested in the past, this may be the perfect time to test again. CARST recommends re-testing for radon every 3 to 5 years.

For residents of Nakusp, now is the perfect time to *Take Action on Radon*. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the program at [Village of Nakusp 2024 100 RTKC: Registration Form \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com/form/1234567890).



The free Radon Information Sessions will be:

Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Participants can sign up online and will be sent a link to join the online session.

Participants can pick up their radon test from Tuesday, November 19, until Friday, November 22, at the Village of Nakusp Municipal Hall, 91 1st Ave NW, 8 AM—4 PM Monday through Friday; and the Nakusp Public Library, 92 6th Ave NW, Tuesday through to Saturday Noon - 5 PM.

Funding for this project is provided by Health Canada.

About Take Action on Radon

Take Action on Radon is a national initiative led by the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (CARST) and the Canadian Cancer Society. It brings together radon stakeholders and raises awareness across Canada.

To learn more about radon and how to test your home, visit: TakeActionOnRadon.ca

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