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Save a Life: Test For Radon

Gov. Herbert Declares Radon Action Week

Governor Gary Herbert has declared Jan. 16-20 Radon Action Week, encouraging residents to test their homes by visiting the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) [website radon.utah.gov](http://radon.utah.gov). For a \$9 test kit testing your home for radon is easy and could save a life.

The month of January is National Radon Awareness Month. Winter is the perfect time to test your home for radon because all of your doors and windows are closed. Testing your home is the only way to know if your home has elevated levels. Long-term radon exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. More Americans die from lung cancer than any other cancer.

DEQ will be giving away 100 free radon test kits throughout the month of January 2017.

1 in 3 Utah homes have elevated radon levels. Studies indicate that most of our radiation exposure comes from indoor radon. Radon, a natural decay product of uranium, is a radioactive gas released from rock, soil, and water. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless..

It costs about \$1500 to get rid of elevated levels of Radon in your home. You can find a list of certified mitigator professionals from our website.

For more information about Radon Action Month activities, hiring a certified professional or how to test your home, visit www.radon.utah.gov.

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard and improve Utah's air, land and water through balanced regulation. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.