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January is Radon Action Month
DEQ to give away 100 free radon test kits

SALT LAKE CITY – In honor of National Radon Action Month in January the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be giving away 100 free radon kits at radon.utah.gov.

In addition, Governor Gary Herbert will recognize the winners of this year's radon poster contest on Tuesday, January 14. The winners are students from Provo, Nebo and Alpine School Districts in Utah County and Granite School District in Salt Lake County. DEQ received over 400 poster entries from across the State of Utah

Testing your home for radon is easy. Radon is a natural, radioactive gas that claims about 21,000 lives each year. It is the leading cause of death from lung cancer among nonsmokers in the United States. Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk.

Winter is the perfect time to test your home for radon because all of your doors and windows are closed. Testing is the only way to know if your home has elevated levels. You cannot see or smell radon.

1 in 3 Utah homes have elevated radon levels. Studies indicate that most of our radiation exposure comes from indoor radon. It costs about \$1500 to get rid of elevated levels of Radon in your home. You can find a list of certified mitigator professionals on our website.

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