Free Radon Test Kits Available at Health Department

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health is giving away free short-term radon test kits to Cumberland County residents, while supplies last, as part of National Radon Action Month, observed in January. The kits allow citizens to test for radon gas and provide information on how to lower radon levels within a home.

The kits are available at the Public Health Center at 1235 Ramsey St. during regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p. m. weekdays. The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services is providing the kits to local health departments.

Radon is the odorless, colorless radioactive gas caused by the decay of naturally-occurring radium in the earth. Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Radon map applications are available at the N.C. Radon Program's website ncradon.org. The map application provides information about the number of tests that have been conducted within a zip code, as well as the highest radon level recorded in that zip code. The application also provides a list of certified professionals who can assist in testing or fixing radon issues in tested homes that return readings above a safe level.

For more information, contact Cumberland County Environmental Health Director Daniel Ortiz at 910-433-3688 or dortiz@co.cumberland.nc.us.

If you would like more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health's programs and services, health-related data, or community resources, please call 910-433-3600, speak with someone at the information desk, or visit our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx#. Comments are welcome and can be submitted on our website at co.cumberland.nc.us/health/commentsform.aspx. The Health Department is located at 1235 Ramsey St., Fayetteville.

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