



To protect, nurture and advance  
the health of our community

# ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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### JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Did you know that 1 in 10 homes in Wisconsin have high radon levels? Radon is a cancer causing, radioactive gas. You cannot see or smell it. Radon can even cause lung cancer. In fact, it is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall, and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The good news is if you have a radon problem you can fix it.

You may be wondering; how does radon get into your home? Radon can leak into your home from the ground and soil beneath it. Since radon is invisible, odorless and tasteless the only way to know if it is present is to test your home. The best time to test your home is during the winter months when doors and windows are not open. Test kits are easy to use and available at the Oneida County Health Department (OCHD). **For the month of January only, OCHD is offering a special discounted price on radon test kits. Test kits will be available at OCHD until January 31, 2020 for only \$10.00.** Simply stop by our office anytime Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm and ask for a radon test kit. \*No appointment needed.

If your home is found to have high radon levels, there are over 100 certified professionals throughout Wisconsin who can help you. Professionals use a technique called “radon mitigation”. This approach uses a pipe and fan system to route radon gas from underneath your home to the outside, preventing radon from entering your home. So even though you can’t see radon and you can’t smell it, you can protect yourself and your family from it.

For more information on radon, please visit [www.lowradon.org](http://www.lowradon.org). You can also call the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111.

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Oneida County to a healthy future.*