



## Catawba County Public Health

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### **FREE RADON TEST KITS AVAILABLE**

HICKORY, NC – In honor of National Radon Action Month, Catawba County Public Health is partnering with the North Carolina Radon Program to provide free short-term radon test kits to Catawba County residents during the month of January.

Free kits are available at the following locations while supplies last:

- Catawba County Public Health, 3070 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602
- Catawba County Environmental Health, located in the Permit Center at the Catawba County Government Center, 110 A South West Blvd., Newton, NC 28658

The North Carolina Radon Program website, [www.ncradon.org](http://www.ncradon.org), will also offer a limited supply of kits that may be ordered at no cost. Once the supply of free kits has been exhausted, the North Carolina Radon Program website will offer short-term radon test kits at a reduced cost of \$6.00 (valued at \$15.00).

Radon is the odorless, colorless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), radon gas occurs naturally from the breakdown of uranium in rocks and soil. Radon gas can seep through the cracks in buildings, and high levels can lead to severe health problems.

The North Carolina Radon Program of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services educates families and homeowners about radon gas, how to test for radon gas, and how to lower the radon levels within a home. For more information about radon and radon testing, including potential financial assistance with radon mitigation, visit the North Carolina Radon Program website at [www.ncradon.org](http://www.ncradon.org).

Catawba County Public Health promotes and protects the health of all Catawba County residents through preventive services, innovative partnerships, and community health improvement initiatives. For more information, please call (828) 695-5800 or visit [www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/phealth).

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