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January Is Radon Action Month
Save a Life: Test For Radon

SALT LAKE CITY – January is National Radon Action Month and Utah residents can test their homes for \$9 by going to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality’s website radon.utah.gov. Testing your home for radon is easy.

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. Every year there are 21,000 lung cancer deaths.

DEQ will be giving away 100 free radon test kits throughout the month of January 2018.

On Jan. 17 Utah Lt. Governor Spencer Cox will present a proclamation declaring the month of January Radon Action Month. He will also recognize the Radon Poster Contest winners.

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 on 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.