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City of Oshkosh Promotes Radon Awareness during January Radon Action Month

As part of its ongoing commitment to the health of their community, the City of Oshkosh is proud to participate in January Radon Action Month, a nationwide initiative aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of radon exposure. Radon, the second leading cause of lung cancer, poses a significant health risk, and the City of Oshkosh along with Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD) is taking proactive steps to empower individuals to protect themselves and their families.

1. **January Radon Action Month:** January has been designated as Radon Action Month, a time when organizations and communities come together to educate the public about the dangers of radon and encourage testing.
2. **Radon: A Silent Threat:** Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas that can seep into homes and buildings, posing a serious health risk when prolonged exposure occurs.
3. **Second Leading Cause of Lung Cancer:** According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, responsible for thousands of deaths annually. Testing for radon is crucial for early detection and mitigation.
4. **Free Radon Test Kits:** In support of Radon Action Month, PPHD is offering free radon test kits to Panhandle residents. These kits provide a simple and effective way for individuals to assess radon levels in their homes.

Free radon test kits are available by emailing mhaas@pphd.ne.gov, calling PPHD at 308-487-3600 ext. 108, or going online: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9d97pn>.

Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, work, learn, and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.