

# Test your home for radon, kits available at Cooperative Extension

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas present in many homes and buildings, yet few people know about the health risk or have tested their homes for it.

It is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates 21,000 Americans die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure, killing more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving, falls in the home, drowning or home fires.

Because radon is colorless, odorless and tasteless, the only way to know if it is in a home or build-

ing is to conduct a simple three-day test. If high levels of radon are found, there is a way to reduce or mitigate radon levels.

Test kits cost a nominal \$5 each. Cooperative Extension offices are located throughout the state but ones near Storey County are available at the following UNCE (University of Nevada Cooperative Extension) offices:

Nevada Tahoe  
Conservation District, 400  
Darla Ct., Zephyr Cove,  
775-586-1610

Incline Village  
Recreation Center, 980  
Incline Way, 775-832-1300

Washoe County  
UNCE, 4955 Energy Way,

Reno, 1-888-723-6610  
Douglas County  
UNCE, 1329 Waterloo,  
Gardnerville, 775-782-9960  
Carson City and  
Storey County UNCE,  
2621 Northgate Ln., Suite  
15, Carson City, 775-887-  
2252

Lyon County UNCE,  
504 S. Main St., Yerington,  
775-463-6541

Winter is an ideal time to test a home for radon. When a home is closed up during cooler weather months, radon concentrations typically increase.

For more information, call the Radon Hotline at 888-723-6610 or visit the radon program website, [www.RadonNV.com](http://www.RadonNV.com).