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Parts of Douglas County see elevated radon levels

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Elevated levels of radon are being detected in an average of more than two-thirds of homes tested in Stateline.

Radon is a radioactive gas that is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. It has been detected in an average of 67.6 percent of homes tested in Stateline and 66.3 percent of homes tested in Zephyr Cove.

In a Gardnerville zip code, 210 of 383 homes tested, or 54.8 percent, had elevated radon results.

Radon is formed by the decay of uranium in the soil.

Douglas County commissioners have proclaimed January as Radon Action Month. County residents can get a free test kit by going to the Douglas County Cooperative Extension Office in Gardnerville.

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