



Learn about radon health risk in Lyon County

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Submitted Story

January is National Radon Action Month, and University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Radon Education Program is offering a free radon presentation on Jan. 4 at 5:15 p.m. at the Lyon County Library in Yerington.

Included in the presentation will be information about radon, the health risk associated with radon and results of area testing.

Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas that is dispersed in outdoor air but can reach harmful levels when trapped in buildings. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that radon causes more than 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year.

"It is a serious health risk that is preventable and fixable," said UNCE Radon Education Program Director Susan Howe. "People need to take radon more seriously and be aware of the health effects and the possibility that there might be a dangerous gas in their homes."

Howe urged area residents to take steps during National Radon Action Month by testing their homes for radon. Simple and free radon test kits can be obtained at the public meetings. Residents can also get free radon test kits throughout the month of January at the Lyon County Cooperative Extension, 504 S. Main Street in Yerington. Test kits are \$5 after January.

For more information on radon, radon testing and mitigation and/or building new homes with radon-resistant features, call the Nevada Radon Hot Line at 1-888-RADON10, visit the UNCE Radon Education Program website at www.RadonNV, or visit the EPA's National Radon Action Month website at www.epa.gov/radon/nram.

The event is sponsored by the UNCE Radon Education Program, which is working with the Nevada State Health Division and the EPA in a nationwide campaign to educate Americans about the dangers of radon exposure and to encourage them to take action to protect their homes and

families.

UNCE encourages anyone who anticipate needing any type of accommodation, or who has questions about the physical access provided, to contact UNCE's Marcia Moffitt at 775-463-6541.

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