

Price includes the cost of postage, handling and laboratory analysis

Mail completed form to:

**Attn: Radon Kit**

**Polk County Health Department**

**1907 Carpenter Avenue**

**Des Moines, IA 50314**



**Enclosed is my check or money order for \$6.00 per kit made payable to:  
Polk County Health Department**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Take Action - Test for Radon in Your Home**

“Lowering your exposure to a cancer-causing gas called radon lessens your family’s risk of lung cancer later in life. You need to test your home because you cannot see, smell or taste radon. Winter is the best time to test for radon,” said Rick Kozin, Polk County Health Department Director.

Radon is formed from the natural breakdown of uranium and radium in the soil. The gas can seep through cracks in a home’s floor and foundation. Exposure to radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall. Each year more than 200 Iowans a year die from lung cancer caused by radon exposure.

“Today’s homes are built tight to keep out the cold of Iowa winters. But our well-sealed houses may actually be sealing in radon. A simple test can tell if your home has dangerous levels of radon,” said Kozin.

Polk County Health Department sells radon test kits for \$6 each.

The price of the kit includes the laboratory analysis. The test is easy to conduct, and involves hanging a small cylinder in the basement for three to seven days, and mailing the cylinder to the laboratory in the provided envelope.

According to Kozin, “Almost three out of every four Iowa homes has a radon problem. These kits allow you to test your family’s risk and reduce your exposure.”

To learn more about Radon go online at [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon). To purchase a Radon Test Kit, complete the form above, and mail it to the address on the form, along with a check for \$6 per kit. For more information, contact Polk County Health Department at 286-3798.