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"To promote health and wellness with compassion and integrity through partnerships, education, protection, and advocacy for all who reside in and visit St. Joseph County"

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Test your home for radon during Clean Air Month

The American Lung Association celebrates Clean Air Month every May, emphasizing the importance of maintaining clean air and its connection to respiratory health. This week, from May 5th to 9th, also marks the EPA's Air Quality Awareness Week. According to the EPA, it is crucial to be aware of the quality of your indoor air, as most Americans spend up to 90% of their time indoors, primarily at home.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is commonly found in St. Joseph County. It can negatively impact indoor air quality by seeping inside through cracks, openings, and joints in any home, regardless of its age, condition, or location. When radon accumulates indoors, it may reach dangerous levels. Prolonged exposure to high concentrations of radon can lead to lung cancer, which, unfortunately, results in approximately 21,000 deaths each year in the United States due to radon-related lung cancer.

To ensure your home's air quality is safe, it's important to test for radon. The EPA recommends that all homes are tested for radon. You can easily pick up a free test kit on the 9th floor of the County-City Building or at any library within St. Joseph County. If high radon levels are detected in your home, they can be effectively addressed by installing a remediation system. So, take care of your lungs and test your home!

For more information, head to <https://www.in.gov/localhealth/stjosephcounty/radon/>

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