

PROCLAMATION

LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Proclamation designating January 2023 as National Radon Action Month

WHEREAS, January is National Radon Action Month and all Larimer County residents are strongly encouraged to test their homes for radon; and

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring, colorless and odorless radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, contributing to as many as 500 lung cancer deaths in Colorado each year; and

WHEREAS, any home may have high levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and elevated levels pose a serious health threat to residents; and

WHEREAS, approximately 50 percent of Colorado homes may have radon levels in excess of the EPA recommended action level of 4 PCi/L and in Larimer County homes have average levels of above 5 PCi/L; and

WHEREAS, radon testing is easy and inexpensive, the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment will be distributing radon test kits at no cost at its offices throughout National Radon Action Month making radon testing easier and more convenient; and

WHEREAS, all Coloradoans are encouraged to protect their families from the serious health risks associated with radon by reducing any elevated radon levels found in their homes, which can be effectively accomplished for the price of a typical home repair.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT:

1. The month of January, 2023, is recognized as "National Radon Action Month" in Larimer County, Colorado.
2. Residents of Larimer County are encouraged to protect themselves and their families from radon-related cancer and other illnesses by testing their homes for radon, by implementing appropriate mitigation measures to reduce elevated levels of radon, and by building new homes with radon resistant materials and features.

Done this 19th day of January 2023, in Fort Collins, Colorado, by the Larimer County Board of Health.

THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

By: 
Dr. Tony Van Goor, President

ATTEST: 
Tom Gonzales, Secretary