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## **Radon test kits available in West Wendover**

*City of West Wendover partners with Cooperative Extension to offer test kits*

RENO, Nev. – January is National Radon Action Month, and the City of West Wendover is partnering with [University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Radon Education Program](#) to offer free short-term radon test kits to Nevadans from Jan. 1 through Feb. 28. For the first time, test kits will be available at the City of West Wendover City Hall, 1111 N. Gene L. Jones Way. Elko County residents can also obtain test kits at the Elko County Cooperative Extension office, 701 Walnut St., in Elko.

Radon is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that is colorless, odorless and tasteless. It comes from the ground and can accumulate in homes, raising the risk of lung cancer. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates 21,000 Americans die each year from radon-caused lung cancer, killing more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving, house fires and unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning combined.

In Nevada, one in four homes tested show radon concentrations at or above the EPA action level. In Elko, 37 percent of tested homes had radon concentrations at or above the action level. According to experts, living in a home with radon concentrations at the action level poses a risk of developing lung cancer similar to the risk posed by smoking about half a pack of cigarettes a day.

The risk of radon-caused lung cancer can be reduced. A simple three-day test can determine if a house has a radon problem, and winter is an ideal time to test a home for radon. If radon problems are found, they can be fixed.

Nevadans can also [order free test kits online](https://fee4freekit.eventbrite.com) at <https://fee4freekit.eventbrite.com>, or by mailing in [the Radon Test Kit Order form](#), also available online for printing at <http://bit.ly/NRAM18freekit>. Ordered test kits will require \$4 for shipping.

For more information, call the Radon Hotline at 888-RADON10 (888-723-6610) or visit the [Nevada Radon Education Program website](#) at [www.RadonNV.com](http://www.RadonNV.com). Cooperative Extension, the EPA and the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health urge all Nevadans to test their homes for radon.

The Nevada Radon Education Program is a program of [University of Nevada Cooperative Extension](#) and is funded by the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health through Grant Number K1-96963518-0 from the EPA. Since the program began in 2007, more than 26,000 homes have been tested in Nevada.

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**Photo Cutline: Testing in Elko shows that 37 percent of homes tested since 1989 found radon concentrations at or above the EPA action level.**

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