



## Naugatuck Valley Health District

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### NVHD offering free radon test kits during January for residents

January is National Radon Action Month and the Naugatuck Valley Health District (NVHD) is recommending residents test their homes for radon gas, the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Naugatuck Valley Health District will hold a 'Lunch and Learn' at the Kellogg Center, located at 500 Hawthorne Avenue in Derby, on January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 PM, where residents can come listen to a presentation on radon and can pick up their FREE radon test kit. Space is limited, so please register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Radon2019>. **\*Lunch will NOT be provided, participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch.**

Additional FREE home radon test kits are available to residents of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck, Seymour and Shelton while supplies last. Starting on Friday, January 4, 2019, individuals may come to the Health District office located at 98 Bank Street, Seymour, CT on weekdays from 9-11AM and 1-3 PM during the month of January. Supplies are limited. Please call Jamie at (203) 881-3255 to make sure test kits are still available before you head to the health department.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas formed from the natural decay of uranium and is found in rock, soil and water. Although radon in outdoor air poses a relatively low risk to human health, the odorless, colorless and tasteless gas can enter homes, becoming a health hazard. There is definitive evidence that exposure to high levels of residential radon over a long period of time can damage the lungs and lead to lung cancer. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is responsible for more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States. Testing for radon saves lives and could potentially save yours and the lives of your loved ones.

The EPA recommends that homes with radon levels at or above 4.0 pCi/L be fixed. To obtain a list of qualified radon mitigation contractors, please visit the DPH Radon Program web site at [www.ct.gov/dph/radon](http://www.ct.gov/dph/radon).

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram during the month of January for tips and additional information on radon!

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