

## Town of Boonton Offers Free Radon Test Kits

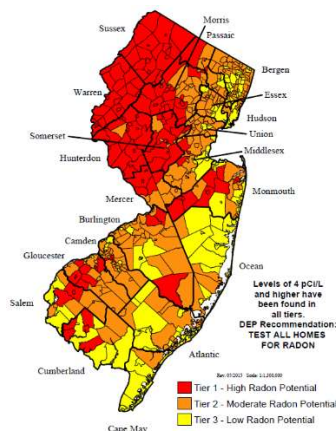
Mayor Matthew DiLauri and the Town of Boonton Board of Health are pleased to announce that the Town of Boonton will be offering a limited number of free radon test kits on a first come, first serve basis to homeowners. The free test kits, as well as a radon educational program soon to be provided by Health Department staff, are designed to promote radon awareness.

The Town of Boonton Board of Health is working on a cooperative grant and promotion with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to bring increased awareness to residents regarding the risks of radon, and expects to have approximately 250 free radon test kits for distribution to residents by mid-April.

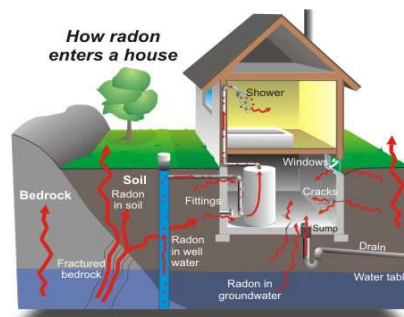
Radon is an odorless and colorless gas that can cause lung cancer. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths nationwide every year. Of the 4,700 annual lung cancer deaths in New Jersey each year, as many as 250 are due to radon.

The *New Jersey Radon Potential Map* represents radon testing data that is received monthly by the NJDEP from all certified radon measurement businesses. The map shows the potential for elevated radon concentrations in each municipality, and may be viewed at [www.njradon.org/radonin.htm](http://www.njradon.org/radonin.htm). The Town of Boonton is considered a Tier II community, with relatively high risk to radon exposure.

The Town of Boonton Board of Health and experts in state and federal government, as well as leading scientific and medical agencies, agree that all homes should be tested for radon. With a simple charcoal canister test kit, like those being acquired for free distribution, homeowners can easily test for radon themselves. Town of Boonton residents may check the municipality's website in April for updates on the availability of free test kits and for information regarding a radon educational program for the public. For more information about radon risk, call the Health Department at 973-402-9410, ext. 631.



Map depicting radon risk in NJ



Graphic depicting ways radon enters a home