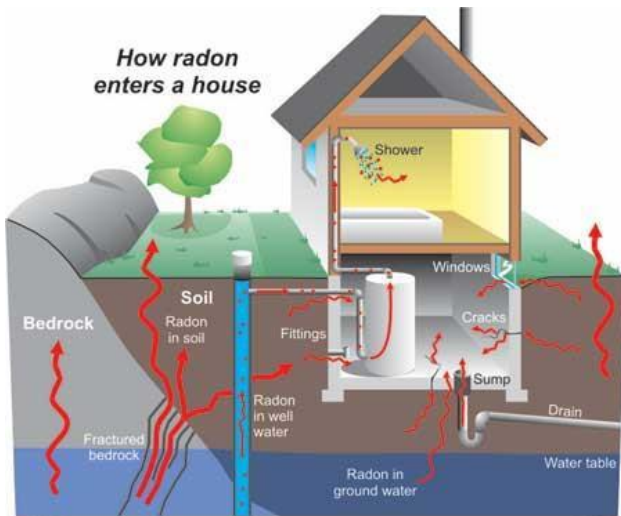


Free Radon Class

from Colorado State University Extension

CSU Extension is hosting a free Radon education class from 9:30 –10:30 on Saturday, March 25, at the lower level of the Woodland Park Library.



Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the natural decay of uranium found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground and into your home through cracks and other holes in the foundation. Your home traps radon inside, where it can build up. Any home may have a radon problem. This means new and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements.

Radon is a cancer-causing radioactive gas that you can't see, smell or taste. Its presence in your home can pose a danger to your family's health. It is the

leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in the U.S. and claims approximately 21,000 lives annually.

While radon problems may be more common in some areas, any home may have a problem. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk. Testing is inexpensive and easy taking only a few minutes of your time.

Radon reduction systems are not too costly and even very high levels can be reduced to acceptable levels. More home buyers and renters are asking about radon levels and radon is part of the disclosure statement when purchasing a home. For those who have fixed their high radon levels, it indicates that the home is well-taken care of and can be a selling plus. You may be able to use your Flex Spending Account or High-Deductible Health Plan funds to pay for mitigation. Contact your insurance to see if you qualify. There is also a program for low income mitigation assistance through the state EPA office.

Over 50% of the homes tested in Teller over the last 15 years (over 4,500 tests) are above the 4 picocuries per liter where the EPA suggests taking action. This is the equivalent risk for lung cancer as smoking 1/3 a pack of cigarettes a day. The class is free and you will receive free short- or long-term radon kits and other handouts. **Please RSVP to Raisha Evans by March 23 at evansr@co.teller.co.us**

If you are unable to attend, you can receive free test kits from 1) The building/planning department at 800 Research Drive, Ste. 100 in Woodland Park, 2) Public Health located behind Venture Foods in Divide, 3) The Centennial Building, 112 N. A. St. Cripple Creek, or 4) My office located at 800 Research Dr., Ste. 224, Woodland Park.

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