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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

***JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH***  
***Home Radon Detection Kits Available for Residents***

**Basking Ridge, NJ (January 19, 2010)** -- The Bernards Township Health Department is offering home radon detection kits for residents of Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Chester Borough, Long Hill Township, Mendham Borough, Mendham Township, and Peapack and Gladstone Borough. The cost of the kit is \$10 and can be picked up at the Bernards Township Health Department at 262 South Finley Avenue in Basking Ridge, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas that comes from the radioactive decay of naturally occurring uranium in the soil. It can seep into homes and buildings through small cracks in the foundation, sump pumps or soil in crawlspaces and build up to dangerous levels. Studies have shown that prolonged exposure to radon may harm lung tissue in a way that can eventually lead to lung cancer. Testing your home is an easy method for detecting high radon levels. Homes with high levels can be mitigated. The winter season is the best time of year to test since all windows and doors should be kept closed during the testing period. To learn more about radon and National Radon Action Month, visit the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection at [www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon](http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon).

Please take advantage of this important opportunity to check the radon level in your home.

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Radon detection kit availability is based on the following guidelines:

- Only one radon kit or canister per household
- For use in single-family homes only. No condo or townhouse buildings are permitted.
- Canisters can only be used in a home owned in the community. No vacation home permitted.
- No replacement canisters will be issued.
- Each homeowner must come in person to obtain a radon kit. No radon kits are permitted to be picked up for neighbors or friends.

For more information, please call the Bernards Township Health Department at (908) 204-3070.

The Bernards Township Health Department is a Contractual Health Agency serving Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Chester Borough, Long Hill Township, Mendham Borough, Mendham Township and Peapack and Gladstone Borough. For more information, visit [www.bernardshealth.org](http://www.bernardshealth.org).

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