

BOROUGH OF FREEHOLD ANNOUNCES RADON ACTION APRIL 2021

Borough of Freehold, NJ, April, 2021 – Mayor Kevin Kane announced today that **April 2021** has been designated Radon Action Month by **Freehold Borough**, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Radon Program.

In announcing Radon Action Month **Mayor Kane** said, “Radon is a serious health risk. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer -- and the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. But because radon is invisible and odorless it is easy to ignore this potential hazard in our own homes.” Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally when uranium and radium break down in the soil and in rock formations. Radon gas moves up through the soil and finds its way into homes through cracks in the foundation and openings around pumps, pipes and drains”.

“**Freehold Borough** is designated a New Jersey Tier 1 Municipality which means our town is predicted to be above the acceptable limits for radon,” **Mayor Kane** said. “We would like to see as many homes tested as possible, to reduce the radon risk in **Freehold Borough**.”

During Radon Action Month, **Freehold Borough** will provide radon information at www.freeholdborough.nj.gov and at Borough Hall at 51 West Main Street.

Radon is measured in picoCuries per liter (pCi/L) of air. The average U.S. indoor level is 1.3 pCi/L. At 4 pCi/L, the risk of lung cancer from radon is greater than the risk from fire or other home accidents. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the DEP recommend that action be taken to reduce radon levels if the level in the home is greater than or equal to 4 pCi/L.

Fortunately, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive. Certified radon measurement businesses provide testing services or do-it-yourself test kits. Test kits can also be obtained from many hardware stores and home improvement stores. **Freehold Borough Health Department has free kits available to residents of Freehold Borough while supplies last.** If the test indicates a radon problem, radon mitigation systems can be installed at a cost similar to that of other home repairs. For more information on radon, contact **Lynn Cannon, Freehold Borough Board of Health at 732-462-7057** or the DEP Radon Program at (800) 648-0394 or visit www.njradon.org.