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Radon detection kits now available to borrow from KFPL

November is Radon Awareness Month, an important reminder of this dangerous carcinogen that can be a risk within one's home. The Kingston Frontenac Public Library is now loaning 55 Corentium Home radon detectors in partnership with KFL&A Public Health, allowing residents of Kingston and Frontenac, homeowners and renters, the opportunity to test radon levels.

Radon is an invisible, odourless and tasteless radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. When it is released from the ground into the outdoor air, it is diluted and not a concern. In enclosed spaces like homes, however, radon can accumulate to high levels and become a health risk.

The only way to be sure of the radon level in your home is to test. KFPL's radon detection kits, as a screening tool, give patrons an approximate idea of the radon levels in their homes.

"Radon is dangerous in high quantities, but undetectable without proper testing," explained Graeme Langdon, Manager, Branches and Collections. "KFPL is happy to partner with KFL&A Public Health to provide free access to this preliminary screening tool."

There are 55 radon detection kits available to loan from October to March when household radon levels are highest. Kits are available at all KFPL branches and are free to borrow for three-week periods plus renewals if available.

Patrons can learn more about our radon detection kit lending program at <https://www.kfpl.ca/library-services/detectors-meters>.

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