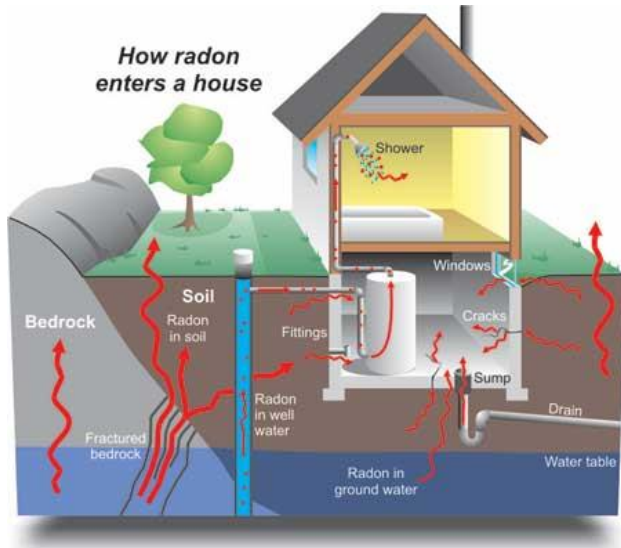


Free Radon Class

from Colorado State University Extension



CSU Extension is hosting a free Radon education class from 10:30 –11:30 on Saturday, February 1 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 20,000 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.

The following table identifies radon tests taken from 2011-2017 in Teller County by zip code. The EPA suggests taking action at 4+ picocuries per liter (the radon measurement in the US).

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
Zip Code	Below 4	# Above 4	Below 4	# Above 4	Below 4	# Above 4	Below 4	# Above 4	Below 4	# Above 4	Below 4	# Above 4	Below 4	# Above 4
80813	0	8	3	11	7	3	7	7	0	4	5	5	9	4
80814	11	39	8	27	21	38	12	47	25	38	21	30	43	50
80816	7	21	21	19	23	26	17	59	26	32	29	19	30	33
80820	1	3	2	3	0	2	2	0	3	6	0	1	3	0
80827	2	3	6	5	2	7	0	6	6	5	17	11	7	3
80860			0	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
80863	36	47	34	45	66	52	57	82	82	84	79	52	124	88
80866	3	0	3	5	4	4	2	6	0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	60	121	77	118	123	132	97	207	143	177	151	118	216	178
Percent	33%	67%	39%	61%	51%	52%	32%	68%	45%	55%	56%	44%	55%	45%

The class is free and you will receive two short-term radon kits, a DVD and other handouts.

Please RSVP to Laura Nelson by January 31 at NelsonNL@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) The Woodland Park City Offices in their Planning Department.

CSU Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. If you need special accommodations, please contact us at least 5 business days prior to the event.