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# Genesee County Health Department to provide Radon Training for Contractors, Realtors and Code Enforcement Officers

Both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have identified Genesee County as having a high average indoor radon screening level greater than 4 units (pico curies per liter). Radon can build up to dangerous levels in homes, both old and new. "Radon enters homes through cracks in the foundation, basement walls, floors, sump pumps, and other areas," stated Darren Brodie, Environmental Health Director for Genesee and Orleans County Health Departments (GO Health). "Any house has the potential for radon to enter and linger. That is why training contractors, realtors and code enforcement officers about the risk of radon is important."

On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-4:00pm, the Genesee County Health Department will be hosting George Schambach, the Vice President of the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologies, Inc., and President/Owner of Professional Home Inspection Service to implement a training for all contractors, realtors and code enforcement officers. This training will be held at Genesee County Building 2 on 3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY 14020.

#### Topics will include:

- Health Risks of Radon
- Radon Measurement
- Radon Mitigation and
- Radon Abatement

This training is free of charge unless you are a realtor seeking CEUs. Contractors and Code Enforcement Officers interested in attending can contact Allysa Pascoe at 585-344-2580 x5508 to register. Members of the Greater Rochester Association of Realtors (GRAR) can register for this course through the GRAR website to receive 3.00 CE Hours. Non-members of GRAR can register for this course by calling 585-292-5000.

For more information on radon or other GO Health programs and services, visit GOHealthNY.org	
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