



## PRESS RELEASE

### Radon Detector Kits Available at Local Libraries

**Kamloops, BC – February 9, 2022** – Your local library now has a tool to assess a potential health hazard in your home. The Thompson-Nicola Regional Library (TNRL) has made radon detector kits available to borrow from all library facilities in the region.

Radon is a radioactive gas that is created when uranium breaks down into soil and rock. It is invisible, odourless and tasteless, and can accumulate in enclosed spaces. According to Health Canada, radon is the number-one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

A *Corentium Home* digital radon detector kit may be borrowed by any TNRL patron in good standing. Due to high demand, the kits can be loaned for seven days at a time.

At home, follow the instructions in the kit to activate the detector. Leave the device in one spot on the lowest level of your home. After a few days, take note of the radon levels. To protect your privacy, please make sure to reset the detector before returning the radon detector kit to your local TNRL branch.

The radon detector kits will not be available to borrow from the TNRL between May 1 and August 31 each year. Radon readings are less accurate during the summer months, when people tend to leave windows and doors open at home, allowing radon to safely dissipate into the atmosphere.

TNRL Chief Librarian, Judy Moore, said the Radon Detector Kit program is one many devices and kits that can be borrowed for free by TNRL patrons. "We encourage all residents of the Thompson-Nicola region to visit their local library and the TNRL website, and learn about products available to them."

For more information on the new Radon Detector Kits program, visit [tnrl.ca/explore/devices-and-book-kits/](http://tnrl.ca/explore/devices-and-book-kits/).

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