

News from Nova Scotia

Radon Detectors Available for Borrowing

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Nova Scotia Provincial Library, regional libraries, and the Lung Association of Nova Scotia have partnered to make radon detectors available to people across the province. Radon is a radioactive gas that has no smell and cannot be seen. It is responsible for approximately 16% of all cases of lung cancer and it occurs in dangerous levels in some homes in Nova Scotia. The only way to know if a home has radon is to test for it. Through this partnership, fifty radon detectors have been made available for borrowing in the nine library regions in the province. Devices are being loaned for six week periods. This first in Canada lending program was made possible with funding from both the federal and provincial governments.

