

RADON IN OUR HOMES AND SCHOOLS FORUM

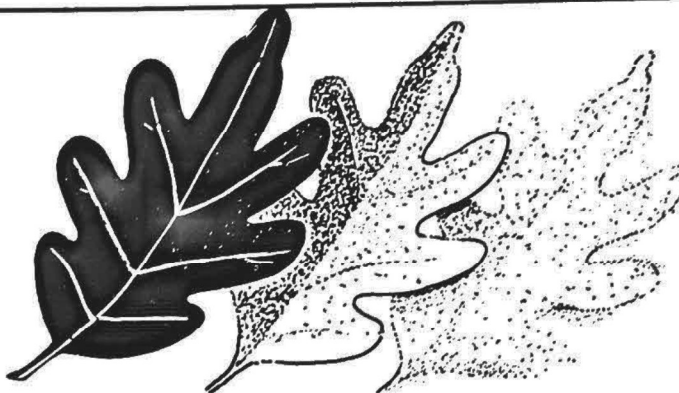
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is expected to report on radon in the nation's schools in October. In anticipation of the renewed public interest in radon, the Ecology Center--supported by U-M's Radon Resource and Training Center, the American Lung Association, U-M's School of Natural Resources, and Universal Builders--is sponsoring a Public Forum on Radon on Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., at the U-M School of Natural Resources, Dana Building, Room 1040.

Participating speakers will include Dr. A. P. Jacobson of the Radon Resource and Training Center, located in the U-M School of Public Health; Alex Johnson of the American Lung Association; Steve Manville of the Washtenaw County Public Health Office; and Thomas Hansen of Universal Builders-Safe Aire. Each speaker will offer opening comments and then be available for questions from the audience.

The forum will emphasize how radon may affect you and what you can do about it. Topics to be covered include the geography, physics, and physiology of radon, testing methods, corrective measures, and radon-conscious techniques for new construction.

Radon is a naturally-occurring decay product of uranium that, because it is a gas, can enter buildings and pose a health risk. Increased risk of lung cancer has been linked to exposure to radon at elevated levels. (Scientists estimate that from about 5,000 to about 20,000 lung cancer deaths may be attributed to radon.--U.S. EPA, August 1986, OPA-86-004)

For more information on the Radon Forum, please call the Ecology Center at 761-3186. Background materials on radon exposure and remediation are available at the Ecology Center's public library. Δ



NEW ANN ARBOR COMPOSTING ORDINANCE SCHEDULE

AFTER OCTOBER 15, 1989:

No collection of *leaves, Christmas trees, and wreaths* in the regular curbside trash collection program.

AFTER MARCH 1, 1990:

No collection of *any yard wastes* in the regular curbside trash collection program.

ECOLOGY CENTER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Grass Clippings

1. Leave on lawn after cutting to decompose.
2. Rake clippings and use as mulch around garden plants and shrubs.
3. Compost in back yard.
4. Deliver to Ann Arbor landfill free drop-off site or other free drop-off sites.
5. Separate for weekly yard waste collection (to begin April 1990).

Leaves

1. Rake leaves into the street for special fall collection.
2. Compost in back yard.
3. Deliver to Ann Arbor landfill free drop-off site or other free drop-off sites.
4. Separate for weekly yard waste collection (to begin April 1990).

Brush

1. Deliver to Ann Arbor landfill free drop-off site or other free drop-off sites.
2. Separate for weekly yard waste collection (to begin in April 1990).
3. Grind and compost in back yard.

Christmas Trees and Wreaths

1. Participate in existing free Christmas tree programs. (Annual curbside collection in Ann Arbor; tree drop-off site at Veteran's Park, Dexter at Maple Roads. More free drop-off sites are expected to be developed.)

For more information, call the Ann Arbor Department of Solid Waste, 994-2807, or visit the Composting Demonstration Site at the Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver Rd., Ann Arbor, 662-7802. Δ