

# SUSTAINABLE KENOSHA COUNTY

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## IS YOUR HOME SAFE?

January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, which results in more than 20,000 deaths annually.

The EPA has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Test your home today for radon. Below are some facts from Kenosha County Environmental Health Manager Mark Melotik.

- Radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year.
- This naturally occurring gas seeps into homes and buildings from the surrounding soil. You can't see or smell it.
- Testing is the **only way** to know if your home has high radon levels.
- The Kenosha County Division of Health is offering radon tests for half off (\$5) for the month of January.

To buy a test kit, go to the Kenosha County Division of Health in Suite 600 of the Kenosha County Human Services/Job Center building at 8600 Sheridan Road.

Residents may also contact Brad Wozniak at 262-605-6746 or [brad.wozniak@kenoshacounty.org](mailto:brad.wozniak@kenoshacounty.org).

## TREE PROGRAM

Tree and Shrub Program Now Taking Orders for 2020

The Kenosha County Tree and Shrub program has sold nearly one million trees over the last 30 years.

The purpose of the program is to encourage area residents to plant native trees and shrubs for conservation, reforestation, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

Seedlings are sold in undividable bundles of 25 at a cost of \$24-\$26 per bundle. A list of species available can be found to the right. Pickup day is in late April at the Kenosha County Center.

Orders are now accepted **online only**. Learn more and place an order at [kcplananddev.myshopify.com](http://kcplananddev.myshopify.com).

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Options include: Balsam Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Eastern Arborvitae "Techny," Fraser Fir, Norway Spruce, and White Pine



Options include: Black Walnut, Hybrid Poplar, Northern Red Oak, Red Maple, Sargent Crabapple, Sugar Maple, and Whitespire Birch



Options include: American Elderberry, Black Chokeberry, Butterfly Bush, Common Lilac, Hazelnut, Red Osier Dogwood, and Rugosa Rose

# WINTER RECREATION

## Outdoor Fun Doesn't Have to End with Summer

It may be cold outside, but that's no reason to stop playing outdoors. Avoid cabin fever and check out what Kenosha County has to offer.

- Sledding hills are available at Fox River Park (lighted), Petrifying Springs Park (lighted), and Silver Lake Park.
- Silver Lake Park offers more than 2.5 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails and over 10 miles of single-track trails.
- Kenosha County Parks also maintains a ski trail on UW-Parkside's Wayne E. Dannehl National Cross Country Course, just across Highway JR from Petrifying Springs Park.
- Pringle Nature Center in Bristol Woods Park offers snowshoe rentals for use on more than four miles of trails within the park.
- Ice fishing is available at Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park (formerly known as KD Park), Old Settlers Park, and Silver Lake Park.
- The Snowmobile Alliance in Kenosha County creates and maintains over 80 miles of snowmobile trails. For up-to-date trail conditions, call 262-857-1876.
- A new year-round heated restroom facility located on the south end of Petrifying Springs Park near the Biergarten will offer a warm respite for sledders, skiers, or anyone who ventures out to the park in wintertime. The facility is paid for in part with revenue share dollars that the county receives from the Biergarten.

To learn more about the Kenosha County Parks system, visit [parks.kenoshacounty.org](https://parks.kenoshacounty.org) and follow them at [facebook.com/kenoshacountyparks](https://facebook.com/kenoshacountyparks).



## COUNTY SWAP PROGRAM

### A New Kenosha County "Buy" and "Sell" Program for Furniture and Office Equipment is Coming Soon

One office's trash could be another one's treasure. And, we suspect, there are plenty of "treasures" tucked away in closets and storerooms throughout county government.

Be on the look out for the launch of Kenosha County Swap, a new program that aims to facilitate communication between departments and divisions looking to "buy" and "sell" furniture and other office equipment. Release date to be determined.

No physical transactions will be conducted through this program. It is simply a message board that county employees can access to list unneeded office equipment, and to claim items from elsewhere that could still go to good use in a new location.

This is for county purposes only; items are not to be taken off of county premises. Consider it a last stop before surplus items are sent off to auction or disposal.

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