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Change Your Clocks, Change Your Smoke Alarm Batteries

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Daylight Saving Time begins November 5, and as communities prepare to “fall back” one hour, the Newburgh Fire Department Office of Fire Prevention urges Newburgh residents to practice fire safety by testing their smoke alarms and changing the batteries. Alkaline batteries need to be replaced at least once a year, and a good rule of thumb is to change the batteries when you change your clocks.

The Newburgh Fire Department stresses the importance of replacing outdated smoke alarms with newer models featuring 10-year sealed lithium batteries. The manufacturer date can be found on the back of the smoke alarm.

Ensuring working smoke alarms in your home is the single most important step you can take to increase your family’s safety from a home fire. Purchasing and installing smoke alarms with batteries that do not need to be changed annually is one of the most affordable ways to protect your family.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

To protect your home, follow these smoke alarm safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home, including in the basement.
- For smoke alarms without the long-life lithium batteries, be sure to replace batteries at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, replace only the battery. Date each unit when they are installed and replace them after ten years – or sooner if they do not successfully pass the test by sounding the alarm when the test button is pressed.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home.
- Test your alarms and detectors monthly.



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Smoke Detectors

You Changed Your Clocks This Weekend... Did You Change The Batteries In Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors?

One of the best things we can do to keep our families safe is to make sure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have fresh batteries. A working smoke alarm is your first line of defense in a fire. Time is your enemy in a fire and working smoke alarms give you precious time to use your home escape plan before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors are equally important in warning occupants of the buildup of this deadly colorless and odorless gas. Every building should have a Carbon Monoxide Detector.

Replace Aging Smoke & CO Alarms

No appliance lasts forever. "When changing your alarm's batteries check to see if your alarms need to be replaced. Smoke alarms last about ten years and older carbon monoxide alarms last 5-7," but it's also necessary to check all detectors monthly to ensure their operability.

Ten Year Alarms

There are some new smoke and CO alarms that come with a sealed 10-year lithium battery. The batteries in these alarms never need changing, but the entire alarm needs to be replaced every ten years. These 10 year alarms need to be checked monthly as well.

For more information on smoke alarms in the City of Newburgh call the Newburgh Fire Department at 845-562-1212 or 845-569-7419.



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