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**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR
SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

*Daylight-saving time is a convenient
reminder to replace batteries*

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Fire Department reminds citizens to take a few minutes to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks as daylight-saving time begins Sunday, March 8.

“While changing the clocks in your home, please take the time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “It’s a simple task that could potentially prove life-saving.”

The Forsyth County Fire Department recommends testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least once a month and replacing the batteries every six months. The units themselves should be replaced every eight to ten years.

The Fire Department also reminds citizens of the following safety precautions:

- Install a smoke detector on every level of the home
- Ensure smoke detectors are clean and free of dust
- Dial 911 in case of any emergency

The Forsyth County Fire Department is eager to help those who may need smoke detectors in their residence. The department’s Public Safety Education Division provides smoke detectors free of charge for senior citizens and needy residents; they will also install those detectors. To receive details on this program, call Public Safety Educator Bob Westbrook at Fire Department Headquarters at 770.781.2180.

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