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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 change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks as daylight-saving time ends Sunday, November 1.

“We encourage everyone to take the time to replace the batteries in these devices as you change the clocks around your house,” Fire Chief Danny Bowman said. “It takes only a few minutes and could prove to be life-saving.”

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

“Properly installing and maintaining smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home can help protect your family and your property,” Captain Jason Shivers said. “Install a smoke detector on every level of your home and be sure they are clean and free of dust. Always 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 residents in need; they will also install those detectors. To receive details about this program, call Public Safety Educator Bob Westbrook at Fire Department Headquarters at 770.781.2180.

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