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

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

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – The Forsyth County Fire Department would like to remind citizens to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as they set their clocks back an hour on November 7, as daylight-saving time ends.

“We encourage all residents 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 just 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. Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of your home and they should be kept clean and free of dust.

The Fire Department’s Public Safety Education Division provides smoke detectors free of charge for senior citizens and residents in need. To receive more details about this program, call Public Safety Educator Michele Cranford at Fire Department Headquarters at 770.781.2180.

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