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REPLACE BATTERIES IN SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS WHEN CHANGING CLOCKS

Use daylight saving time as a reminder to replace alarm batteries

Forsyth County, Georgia – When setting clocks forward an hour this Sunday, March 11 to mark the start of daylight saving time, the Forsyth County Fire Department advises residents to also change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

The Forsyth County Fire Department suggests that if the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are serviceable, they should be changed every six to twelve months.

“An easy way to remember when it’s time to change batteries in both devices is to associate it with changing clocks for daylight saving time,” said Division Chief Jason Shivers. “Simply taking a few minutes twice a year to replace batteries and test alarms could be a life saver for families, so we encourage everyone to ensure their alarms are in full working order.”

Prior to replacing alarm batteries, review the recommendations provided by the unit’s manufacturer, and replace the units themselves every seven to ten years. It’s also important to test the alarms at least once a month by pressing the TEST button.

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

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

The Fire Department’s Public Safety Education Division provides battery-powered smoke alarms free of charge for senior citizens and residents in need. To receive more details about this program, contact the Forsyth County Fire Department at (770) 205-5699 or publiceducation@forsythco.com.

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