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Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

With Daylight Savings time coming to an end over this past weekend, the Northville Township Fire Department wants to remind all of our residents to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. Across the nation television, radio, and social media outlets have been reminding everyone to “change your clocks, change your batteries,” and we want to take this opportunity to remind our own citizens to do the same.

To keep your family safe all smoke and CO alarm batteries should be replaced at least once a year, but changing them when you change your clocks is a great reminder. Even if your smoke alarms are “hardwired” or “interconnected” you still need to replace your batteries every year. Remember that when you change your batteries, take a look at the date printed on the back of the alarm and make sure that it is less than 10 years old. If your smoke alarm does not have a date printed on the back of the device, then it is over 10 years old and needs to be replaced.

Along with replacing smoke alarms over 10 years old and replacing the battery annually, you should also test your alarm monthly by pressing the button on the front of the device. This little bit of maintenance can help prevent tragedy in your home. Over two-thirds of all fire deaths occur in homes that do not have working smoke alarms. Please take a moment and remind your family, friends and neighbors to join you in checking their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and let’s work together to keep the Northville Community safe.

Please visit us at www.northvillemich.com for more information or for helpful links to great fire safety education sites. Please feel free to contact Fire Inspector Tom Hughes at thughes@twp.northville.mi.us or (248) 348-5807.