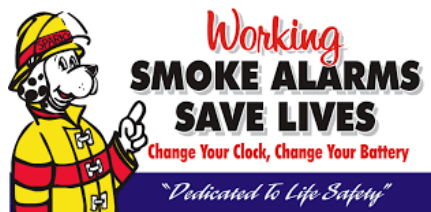




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Daylight Saving Time Ends November 4th; Change Batteries in Smoke Alarms



(Toms River, NJ) Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 4th. That means you need to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

The Toms River Bureau of Fire Prevention is reminding residents that while you change your clocks, you also need to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Here are a few statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to consider:

- Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- When smoke alarms should have worked but failed to operate, it is usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead.

Kevin Esposito, Chief Inspector of the Township's Fire Prevention Bureau says, "In the event of a fire, a properly installed and maintained smoke alarm can alert you and your loved ones to the danger of smoke and give you and your family the critical extra seconds to make a safe escape."

The NFPA says dead batteries caused 24 percent of the smoke alarm failures. "To protect your family from a home fire, replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when you adjust your clocks twice a year," said Esposito. "Consider your smoke alarms to be the most important clocks that need to be changed in your home. Replacing a smoke alarm that is more than 10 years old is also recommended," he added.

For more information about fire safety, contact the Toms River Bureau of Fire Prevention at (732) 240-5153 or online at www.trfireprevention.com