



South Euclid Fire Department South Euclid, Ohio



Daylight Savings – Test your Smoke Alarms

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 8th at 2 a.m. so remember to change your clocks back. While changing clocks back, why not change something that could save your families' lives, the smoke alarm batteries. Smoke Alarm batteries should be changed twice a year and tested monthly. This helps to ensure that they are working properly.

National Fire Protection Association recommends:

- ❖ Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- ❖ Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- ❖ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- ❖ Replace the smoke alarm immediately if it doesn't respond properly when tested.
- ❖ Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, a warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away. For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

Fact:

85 percent of all fatal fires occur in residential dwellings and 29 percent of fatal fires have inoperable smoke alarms or none present at all.



Before you go to bed Saturday night, roll back your clocks one hour and change your smoke alarm batteries. This can save lives!