

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK – CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!!!

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, Nov 6. When you're changing your clocks, PLEASE take the time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms/detectors as well. You should not only test your smoke alarms every month, it's also recommended that you replace the batteries twice each year. Most alarms that are hard wired into the electrical system have a battery (in the event power fails) that needs to be replaced.

Dead or missing batteries are the most common cause for nonworking smoke alarms. According to the National Fire Protection Association, about two thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

Smoke alarms typically need no maintenance other than changing batteries (in those that have batteries) and an occasional vacuuming of dust or cobwebs. Every one comes with an "owner's manual" which describes how to install and take care of that particular alarm. Take the time to read the manual and keep it in a safe place for future reference. REMEMBER that all smoke alarms need to be replaced when they are 10 years old.

For more information or to request assistance regarding smoke alarms and batteries, contact the Lapeer Fire & Rescue Department at (810) 664-0833 or at lapeerfd@ci.lapeer.mi.us.