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IT'S TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES



It is time for a change! Sunday, November 6th is the date to change your clocks, as Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. It's also the perfect time to make a change that could save your life – **Change the batteries in your smoke alarms!**

Changing smoke alarm batteries twice a year when you change your clocks is one of the most simple and effective ways to reduce deaths and injuries associated with home fires. In fact, a working smoke alarm doubles your chances of surviving in the event of a house fire.

Stay safe with these tips from the Bonita Springs Fire District:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- For smoke alarms that don't have non-replaceable (long-life) batteries, replace the batteries twice per year during daylight savings time.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Develop a home escape plan with all members of your household and practice it regularly.

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