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Public Service Announcement

CITY OF VICTORVILLE REMINDS RESIDENTS TO CHECK SMOKE ALARMS WHEN ADJUSTING CLOCKS FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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Most of us dread the start of daylight saving time when clocks are re-set to “spring ahead” and we lose an hour of precious sleep. Well, don’t let that groggy feeling that comes from a missed hour of sleep distract you from taking an important safety measure that could save you and your loved ones from a deadly fire.

This weekend, when you adjust your clocks for daylight saving time, the City of Victorville recommends that you change the batteries in your smoke alarms and test your smoke alarms for proper function.

A quick test of your smoke alarms and fresh batteries will help you ensure these lifesaving devices can give you and your family the early warning you need to escape a fire.

Because most fatal fires occur at night, smoke alarms should be installed in all sleeping rooms, hallways that lead to bedrooms, basements, and each level of your home. Smoke alarms over 10 years old should be replaced.

Use this opportunity to test all of your fire safety equipment, establish an escape plan and review it with your family members, and consider upgrading to alarms with dual technology that test for both carbon monoxide and smoke.

Make it a habit to test your smoke alarms every month and replace the batteries twice a year when you adjust the clocks for daylight saving time.

Old batteries should never be placed in the trash. Instead, residents can take batteries to the City of Victorville’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center located on Loves Lane.

For more safety tips visit the City of Victorville website at www.victorvilleca.gov and click the quick link for Emergency Services.