



Time to Change your Clocks and the Batteries in all Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Township of Wainfleet – March 12, 2017 clocks will spring forward one hour at 2:00 am on Sunday March 12, 2017. Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services recommends that residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks.

“In order for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries,” explained Wainfleet Firefighter Chuck Farkas. “Twice a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. When you change your clocks on March 12, Wainfleet Fire & Emergency Services wants everyone to take the time to install new batteries in all alarms.”

“In order to give your family the best chance at surviving a fire, you need to be provided with early warning and know how to escape when the smoke alarms sound” explains Wainfleet Fire Chief Kevin Foster. It’s the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms should be tested monthly to ensure that they are working.

As well, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed outside all sleeping areas in all homes that have fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or an attached garage.

Tampering with or removing the batteries from your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm is against the law. Failure to comply with the Fire Code can result in a ticket for \$360 or a fine of up to \$50,000.

Any resident of Wainfleet who requires assistance with changing batteries or testing their smoke alarms can contact Town Hall and have an appointment set up to have a firefighter come out and assist. Call 905-899-3463 ext. 221 or email imconald@wainfleet.ca.

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