



Community Advisory

Town of Oakville



TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS AND REPLACE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES

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With daylight savings ending on Sunday, November 1, the Oakville Fire Department asks residents to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms when they turn back their clocks this weekend.

“In order for smoke alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries,” explained Michael Harrison, Public Education Officer. “Once a year, old batteries should be replaced with new ones. When you change your clocks this weekend, Oakville Fire reminds you to take the time to change the batteries in all your smoke alarms.”

In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early warning and know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. It’s the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms.

Tampering with, or removing the batteries from smoke alarms is against the law. Failure to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000.

For more information on home fire safety visit www.oakvillefire.ca/homefiresafety.htm

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