

Clocks go back this weekend ? Check your alarms

Daylight time ends Nov. 1 and Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is recommending residents check all electrical and battery operated alarms and install new batteries when changing the clocks this weekend.

“In order for the alarms to do their job, they need to be operational,” said Fire Chief Dave Forfar.

All alarms have to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer. This is usually 10 years.

“In a fire, seconds count,” Forfar added. “Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to the presence of toxic smoke and give everyone an opportunity to get out alive.”

Carbon Monoxide is a poisonous gas that you cannot smell, see or taste. Unless you have a working alarm in your home, you may not be aware of this gas entering your home.

Forfar also emphasized the importance of developing a home escape plan. You may have less than two minutes to safely escape the toxic gases released from a fire burning in your home. Make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room and discuss a meeting place. Download your escape plan at www.caledon.ca

For more information on smoke alarms, contact Caledon Fire and Emergency Services at 905-584-2272, ext. 4303 or visit www.caledon.ca