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Clocks *fall* back on November 6

Replace old batteries, test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when changing your clocks

Newmarket, Ontario, November 1, 2016 – With daylight savings time ending on **Sunday, November 6**, [Central York Fire Services](http://www.cyfs.ca) (CYFS) reminds residents to set clocks back one hour, test the units of all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace the batteries.

The theme of this year's [Fire Prevention Week \(October 9 to 15, 2016\)](#) was "*Don't wait, check the date!*" and emphasized the importance that smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the manufacture date on the back of the alarm; the alarm should be replaced every 10 years from that date. This will ensure that you have a fully functional smoke alarm to provide you with the early warning signals needed to help escape a residence in the event of a fire.

Working carbon monoxide alarms warn occupants of early detection and warn people to leave the premises in the event of a carbon monoxide leak. In order for battery operated smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to do their job, they must have working batteries. It is recommended that units should be tested monthly and that batteries be replaced at least once a year.

It's the law to have working smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas. It is also required that carbon monoxide alarms be installed outside all sleeping areas so you can hear it where you are sleeping.

For more information about smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms or fire safety information, please visit www.cyfs.ca.

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