



**THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS REMINDS YOU...  
WHEN IT'S TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK,**

***IT'S TIME TO CHANGE YOUR  
SMOKE ALARM BATTERY!***



**Is your smoke alarm still working? A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. A smoke alarm only works when it is properly installed and maintained.**

### **General Guidelines for Smoke Alarm Maintenance**

#### **Smoke alarm powered by a 9-volt battery:**

- Test the alarm monthly
- Replace the batteries when you change your clock
- The entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced every 8-10 years

#### **Smoke alarm powered by a 10-year lithium (or "long life") battery:**

- Test the alarm monthly
- Since you cannot (and should not) replace the lithium battery, the entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced according to manufacturer's instructions.

#### **Smoke alarm that is hardwired into the home's electrical system:**

- Test the alarm monthly
- The backup battery should be replaced when you change your clock
- The entire smoke alarm unit should be replaced every 8-10 years