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Change Your Clock – Change Your Batteries

Kent, Wash – March 9, 2018– Don't forget to change your clocks this Sunday morning as we "spring forward" one hour, beginning at 2:00 am and go to Daylight Savings Time.

Changing your clock is a great time to also change the batteries of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Batteries that are wearing out can affect the reliability of these life-saving devices. A working smoke alarm can reduce the chance of you dying in a house fire by almost 60%.

While you have the cover off your alarms, take a moment and vacuum them out and check the manufacturing date that's printed on the inside or back. Smoke and CO alarms have a life expectancy of approximately 10 years. If yours are that old or you are not sure how old they are, replace them.

Fire fact: There are more homes in this country with nonworking smoke alarms, than homes without any smoke alarms.

Fire fact 2: Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that depletes your body of oxygen. Having a working detector can reduce the chance of this hidden danger hurting you or a family member.

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