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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS – CHANGE SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM BATTERIES

McKinleyville, CA – The Arcata Fire District would like to remind our community that Daylight Savings ends this Saturday night, November 4th. Remember to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed and take this opportunity to change your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarm batteries.

This is also a good time to practice your Home Fire Escape Plan. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely, once the smoke alarm sounds. A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install Carbon Monoxide alarms in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, if you have fuel-burning appliances. Here are a few tips:

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home, inspect all possible exits, and escape routes.
- Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they have escaped. Be sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan.
- Be fully prepared for a real fire: when a smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately.
- Once you are out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the 911 dispatcher when you call. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues.

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