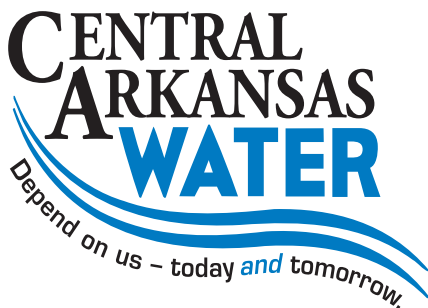


# FREE SMOKE ALARMS

Do you have working smoke alarms in your home? As a special community service, your local Fire Department (Little Rock, North Little Rock, or Sherwood) can provide you with **free smoke alarms** for your home and **install the alarms at no cost to you.**

Having smoke alarms in your home is one of the simplest, yet most effective safety precautions that you can take to protect your family and property. In the event of a fire, you get an early warning so that you can escape to safety.

If you live within the Central Arkansas Water service area and would like more information about the free smoke alarms, call your local fire department today.



**October is National Fire Prevention Month**

# HOME FIRE SAFETY

## A Checklist for Every Family



### Smoke Alarms Save Lives

- Have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
- Follow the general rule for where to install smoke alarms in your home — install one in every hallway, on every level, and in every bedroom.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month by pressing the test button.
- Replace your smoke alarms approximately every 10 years or earlier if necessary. Over time, detectors lose sensitivity from exposure to dust, dirt, and impurities in the air.



### Change your clock. Change your battery.

- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms at least twice a year. Pick a date that you can remember and mark your calendar as a reminder. An ideal time is when you re-set your clocks for Daylight Savings Time changes in the spring and fall of the year. Daylight Savings Time ends November 6, 2011, this year.
- Don't wait for the low battery alarm to remind you. The battery may fail before you have a chance to change it, which could put your family at risk.



### Fire Drills at Home are Vital

- Have at least two (2) planned escape routes out of bedrooms and the house.
- Choose a safe meeting place outside the house.
- Sleep with the bedroom door closed to keep out deadly smoke, in case of fire.



### Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children



### Practice Fire Safety Everyday

- Do not leave food unattended on the stove while cooking.
- Space heaters need SPACE — at least three (3) feet from combustible materials and substances.
- If your clothes catch on fire, **STOP, DROP, and ROLL!**



### Post Emergency Telephone Numbers

- Be aware that if fire threatens your home, you should not place the call to emergency services from inside your home. Get out and place the call from a safe location outside your home.

For more information, contact your local fire department.

The **International Fire Code** requires that citizens and property owners do their part to make sure that firefighters can easily see fire hydrants and encounter no hindrance in gaining immediate access to fire hydrants and other fire protection equipment.



## **Maintain three (3) feet of clearance from a fire hydrant**

- When firefighters arrive on the scene of a fire, they have only minutes, sometimes seconds, to protect life and property. It is very important that they have full and unobstructed access to fire hydrants and connections.
- Landscaping as simple as shrubbery and objects as common as a garbage can could block immediate access to fire hydrants and fire department connections.
- Keep posts, fences, vehicles, shrubbery and vegetative growth, trash, storage, and other materials or objects at least three (3) feet away from fire hydrants, fire department connections, and fire protection system control valves.



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