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Clocks *spring* forward on March 13

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

Newmarket, March 8, 2016 – With daylight savings time beginning on **Sunday, March 13**, Central York Fire Services (CFYS) reminds residents to set clocks forward one hour, as well as replace the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and test the units.

Working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms provide the early warning signals needed to help people escape their residences in the event of a fire or 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 batteries should be replaced with new ones 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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