

Smoke Alarm Maintenance

The smoke alarm batteries must be replaced at least once per year, and when the low battery warning sounds (short, intermittent "chirping") occurs. Suggest using a birthday, or changing of clocks, as a reminder.

- Use only the recommended batteries. Incompatible batteries may result in a weak or limited warning duration.
- Check smoke alarm, or manufacturer's instructions for proper battery model number.
- Do not use rechargeable batteries as they lose 1% of their power per day and therefore do not provide a sufficient life span.

Battery Operated Alarms

Every six months, open the cover and gently vacuum the sensing chamber using a soft bristle brush attachment.

Electrically Connected Alarms

Every six months, shut off power to the alarm and gently vacuum the outside cover only. Restore power.

For further information, refer to manufacturer's instructions or call your Fire Prevention Officer.
