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Time to Change your Clocks and the Batteries in all Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

HALTON HILLS, ON – Clocks will spring forward one hour at 2am on March 12 and the Halton Hills Fire Department is recommending residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks.

“In order for most smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries,” explained Fire Chief John deHooge. “Twice a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. When you change your clocks on March 12, the Halton Hills Fire Department wants everyone to take the time to install new batteries in all alarms.”

In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early warning and know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. It’s the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms.

Carbon monoxide alarms must be installed outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.

Tampering with or removing the batteries from your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms puts you and your family in unnecessary danger and is against the law. Failure to comply with the Fire Code can result in a ticket for \$360 or a fine of up to \$50,000.

Mayor Rick Bonnette added, “With the minimal costs of smoke alarm and CO alarms today, everyone should have working alarms in their homes. With a little extra effort, we can prevent unnecessary tragedies”.

About the Town of Halton Hills

The Town of Halton Hills, with a population of approximately 60,000, consists of two urban centres, Georgetown and Acton, the Halton Hills Premier Gateway employment area, three hamlets – Glen Williams, Stewarttown and Norval – and several smaller settlements. Halton Hills has long been recognized for its natural beauty, active agricultural community, high quality of life and proximity to major centres, including Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto. The Town is the 2013 recipient of the National Municipal Environmental Award from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators and is ranked as one of the Top 5 small communities in Canada by a national magazine.

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