



Change your
CLOCKS
and your



**SMOKE DETECTOR
BATTERIES!**

Conover Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that when you change your clocks for the start of daylight savings time on March 13, 2016, it is also a great idea to take the time to change the batteries in your home smoke detectors.

Residential fires are devastating for everyone. We want to make sure that you protect yourself and your family.

The Conover Fire Department actively supports the “Change Your Clocks/Change Your Batteries” program. The program promotes the changing of all household smoke detector batteries twice a year, which raises awareness of the importance of having properly working household smoke detectors. Working smoke detectors save lives; it is a proven fact.

The Conover Fire Department offers the following tips for making sure the smoke alarms in your residence are both maintained and working properly:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
- If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Smoke Alarm manufacturers recommend that smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms be replaced every 10 years.
- Reminder: Electric wired smoke detectors in residences have battery back-ups.

Residents with questions or concerns about updated smoke alarm requirements can contact the Conover Fire Department at 828-464-1295. You can also visit the National Fire Prevention Association’s website at www.nfpa.org/smokealarms for more information.