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# NOVATO FIRE DISTRICT

## Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

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As we prepare to “Fall Back” and change our clocks on Saturday, Novato Fire District would like to remind everyone that this is the perfect time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. When you are changing the clocks throughout your home, take a moment to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, and replace the batteries to ensure that you will be protected throughout the coming months.

In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save your life and those of your loved ones. They are a very important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal -- so you and your family can escape. Smoke alarms are one of the best safety devices you can buy and install to protect yourself, your family, and your home.

Approximately every three hours, a home fire death occurs somewhere in the United States, and 80 percent of those deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are inexpensive and are proven to save lives and property, but the devices are useless if not properly maintained.

Worn or missing batteries are the most common reason why smoke alarms fail to work. Changing the batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to prevent tragic deaths and injuries. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire almost in half

Stay Smart and Stay Safe this Fall!

Novato Fire District is an independent Special District providing all risk fire, rescue, emergency medical paramedic service and risk reduction to the City of Novato and the county communities of Bel Marin Keys, Loma Verde, Black Point, Green Point, Wildhorse and Indian Valleys. The Fire District serves a community of nearly 63,000 residents and responds to over 5,000 incidents annually. An independently elected Board of Directors provides policy and budget direction to Fire Chief Marc Revere and 86 full-time employees.

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