
Change your clocks, check your batteries

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On Friday, March 11, Lake Stevens Fire will have firefighters at Jay's Market in downtown Lake Stevens and at Haggen just off Market Place, emergency calls permitting, to remind people to change their clocks and check their batteries.

Smoke alarms equipped with regular 9-volt batteries should be changed when you set your clocks ahead or back. Ten-year lithium batteries do not need to be changed each time you change your clocks, however it's still important to test your smoke alarms to be sure they are working properly. March 13 at 2 a.m. marks the official time change in which your clocks will need to "spring forward" an hour.

On Saturday, March 12, Lake Stevens Fire will have firefighters in the Frontier Manor community from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., emergency calls permitting, to install smoke alarms for those who may need new ones or who do not currently have working smoke alarms in their home.

The smoke alarms were provided by the Snohomish County Fire Prevention Association as part of a "Smoke Alarm Saturday" event that takes place countywide in March. Smoke alarms have a 10-year life span. Check your smoke alarms for an expiration date if you suspect they are close to 10 years old. Working smoke alarms save lives by providing the early warning needed to escape a fire.

It's that time of year again, remember to change your clocks and check your batteries.