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Daylight saving time is a great time to remind everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors at work and at home. The time change (spring forward one hour) is at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.

It's best to test your smoke alarms once a month, then replace the batteries at daylight saving time. Smoke detectors wear out, so replace smoke alarms every 10 years.

Where do you need smoke detectors? Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of the home and outside every separate sleeping area. It is also a good idea to install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms. Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (smoke rises), at least four inches away from the nearest wall, and four to 12 inches away from the ceiling. If you have pitched ceilings, install the alarm near the ceiling's highest point.

High risk residents include young children, older adults and people with disabilities so if any of your family, neighbors or co-workers fall into this category, make sure they have working smoke alarms with fresh batteries.

If you need assistance with checking your smoke alarms or replacing them, contact the City's Fire Prevention Department at 817-426-9174, 817-426-9175 or call the main administration number at Fire Station #1 at 817-426-9170. The fire marshal, fire investigator and fire fighters will install smoke alarms for high risk residents who live inside the city limits of Burleson. The fire prevention department does not have any donated smoke alarms, so homeowners must supply their own smoke detectors for installation.