



Safety First

Daylight-Savings Time Safety – When Daylight-Savings Time ends this weekend, it'll be time to wander around the house and reset your clocks, and everything else that doesn't automatically reset itself back one hour due to the time change. It is also the perfect time to take care of a few other tasks that you wouldn't normally think about, such as:

Replace the batteries on your fire alarms, and smoke/carbon monoxide detectors - You've probably heard this one before as an essential to-do on Daylight-Savings Time. It is essential to you and your family's safety that you replace and test the batteries in your alarms and detectors.

Check and/or replace fire extinguishers - Many people have fire extinguishers in their kitchens, pantries, and garages. You should check the pressure gauge of your fire extinguishers. Fire extinguishers will lose pressure over time, so it's a good idea to check them periodically. If your fire extinguisher is low on pressure, have it re-pressurized or replaced immediately.

First Aid Kits/Emergency Kits - Hopefully your first aid and emergency kits didn't see much use. You should check both for expired medical supplies and emergency rations, and put what needs to be replaced on your shopping list. If things have migrated to other parts of your home, bring them all back together and repack them in their appropriate kits. Update your emergency contact information. Replace and test batteries in your flashlights, emergency radios, and all other battery powered emergency equipment.

Vehicle Safety - Proper vehicle lighting is vital to safety when Daylight-Savings Time ends and we return to standard time. To prepare for fewer hours of daylight and the extra hours of darkness, you should inspect your vehicles to ensure that all of the lights are working properly. While you're at it, this is a good time to replace your windshield wipers, and to look for leaks and worn belts.