

# How To Maintain Your Smoke Alarm



Age & Cleanliness Matter When It Comes To Your Smoke Alarms

Smoke Alarms Should Be Tested Monthly and Cleaned At Least Twice A Year

## STEP 1



Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling

## STEP 2



Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture

## STEP 3



Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture

## STEP 4



Check alarm for dust, debris or insects. Vacuum or use a clean can of compressed air to clean out the debris.

## STEP 5



Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old



Never use water, liquid cleaners, solvents or air compressors to clean your alarm!



Some alarms can not be put in regular trash. Please check with manufacture recommendations and local ordinances on how to dispose of your old alarm



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



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