

# Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Testing and Replacement

Tracking Year: \_\_\_\_\_

This is an optional form to obtain this information.

## Smoke Alarms

### Monthly Requirement to Test Smoke Alarms

Smoke Alarms are required to be tested monthly. Track date of testing below.

Month	Date Tested	Month	Date Tested
January		July	
February		August	
March		September	
April		October	
May		November	
June		December	

### Annual Requirement to Replace Smoke Alarm Batteries

- Batteries are required to be replaced annually (or when alarm chirps, warning batteries are nearing the end of their life) unless the smoke alarm uses long-life batteries
- Long-life smoke alarms with batteries sealed inside shall be replaced immediately when alarm chirps warning batteries are nearing end of life

### 10-Year Requirement to Replace Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are required to be replaced within 10 years of the date of manufacture.

- The date is located on the back of the alarm. If there is no date, the smoke alarm is over 10 years old
- Smoke alarms must also be replaced when they fail to operate
- They must be replaced with the same type of power supply (this does not prevent replacing battery powered alarms) with electrically powered alarms with battery backup
- Tip:** Write the date of scheduled replacement on the outside of the alarm

EVERY YEAR – test batteries		EVERY 10 YEARS – replace alarm	
Detector Locations	Date Batteries Replaced	Date of Manufacture	Year Alarm to be Replaced

### Required Location of Smoke Alarms Based on Year of Building Construction

See: [dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/fire-code/Documents/Fire-Code-Information-Sheets/Smoke-alarms-in-residential-occupancies.pdf](https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/fire-code/Documents/Fire-Code-Information-Sheets/Smoke-alarms-in-residential-occupancies.pdf)

## Carbon Monoxide Detectors

### Monthly Requirement to Test Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Carbon monoxide detectors are required to be tested monthly. Track date of testing below.

Month	Date Tested	Month	Date Tested
January		July	
February		August	
March		September	
April		October	
May		November	
June		December	

### Replacement of Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Batteries

- Carbon monoxide detectors must be replaced every 5 to 7 years, according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- Carbon monoxide detector batteries must be replaced according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- Carbon monoxide detectors / batteries must also be replaced when they fail to operate.
- **Tip:** Write the date of scheduled replacement on the outside of the detector.

Detector Locations	Date of Purchase/ Manufacture	Battery Replacement		Detector Replacement	
		Manufacturer Suggested Battery Replacement	Date Batteries Replaced	Manufacturer Suggested Detector Replacement	Date Detector Replaced

### Required Location of Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- Carbon monoxide detectors are required to be located within 10 feet of all sleeping areas.
- Carbon monoxide detectors must be installed according to manufacturer’s instructions.
- It is important that they not be placed in ‘dead’ air pockets such as corners of rooms, at the junction of walls and ceilings, or within thirty-six inches of ventilation ducts.

### What to Do if a Carbon Monoxide Detector’s Alarm Sounds

- Treat all alarms as real emergencies.
- Evacuate everyone from your home immediately, leaving the door open for ventilation.
- Call 911 once outside.
- Have your home inspected by professionals and carbon monoxide leak repaired prior to resuming care.
- Be sure to clear snow and debris from furnace, dryer, fireplace, and oven vents to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.