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FALL BACK OUT OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Sedgwick County reminds residents to set clocks back one hour this Sunday, Nov. 2 for the end of daylight saving time.

This time of year also serves as a reminder to change the batteries in smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and weather radios to ensure they will work when needed.

NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radios equipped with an audio alert tone kept in your bedroom will awaken you at night when severe weather threatens your area. In addition, each home should have at least two working smoke alarms. The larger your home, the more alarms you should install for adequate protection. Moreover, a smoke alarm should be installed on every level of your home.

Caring for smoke alarms is fast and easy. Follow these tips for smoke alarm maintenance to keep your family safe:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
- Replace the batteries twice a year. For an easy reminder, do this to coincide with changing the clocks for the beginning and end of daylight saving time.
- Vacuum the outside cover of the smoke alarm to remove dust and dirt particles.
- Smoke alarms more than 10 years old should be replaced.
- The best type of smoke alarm is an electrical unit with a battery back-up.

For more information on emergency preparedness and fire safety, visit www.sedgwickcounty.org.

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