Please install this free 9v battery in every smoke detector in your house, courtesy of Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling and your local fire department. Call your local fire department if you need assistance with replacing the battery or for a free fire safety check of your home.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling (your local Keep America Beautiful affiliate), in partnership with Duracell and your local fire department, is distributing 9v batteries to households throughout Westmoreland County to prevent the tragedy of losing a home, injuring firefighters, and most importantly, saving lives. Every life is precious and if one of these batteries can save one life, the entire program will be worthwhile.

To understand just how important smoke detectors are, consider the following:

- In 2012-2016, smoke alarms sounded in more than half (53%) of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments.
- Almost three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (40%) or no working smoke alarms (17%).
- No smoke alarms were present in two out of every five (40%) home fire deaths.
- The death rate per 1,000 reported home fires was more than twice as high in homes that did not have any working smoke alarms compared to the rate in homes with working smoke alarms (12.3 deaths vs. 5.7 deaths per 1,000 fires).
- In fires in which the smoke alarms were present but did not operate, more than two of every five (43%) of the smoke alarms had missing or disconnected batteries.
- Dead batteries caused one-quarter (25%) of the smoke alarm failures.

Source: NFPA's "Smoke Alarms in U.S. Home Fires" report.

The life you save may be your own!

What We're All About

Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to protect, restore and maintain the environmental qualities of our county for the benefit of all who live, work, and visit herein. Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling accomplishes its mission by sponsoring and promoting programs that address the proper disposal of solid waste through recycling, special collections, and the cleanup of illegal dumpsites and littered areas. We educate the public through presentations, print media and the web.

Westmoreland Cleanways operates a recycling center for hard to dispose material, initiates and facilitates programs by bringing together a network of volunteers, industry leaders, and state and local government representatives to provide services in the most efficient and economical manner. We are funded by the county commissioners, member fees, private donations, sponsorships and grants. Volunteers donate time, energy and expertise to carry out our mission.

For information about Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling programs such as community cleanups, educational presentations and recycling options, visit www.westmorelandcleanways.org.

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