

SMOKE DETECTORS

INSTALL one on every level of your home and in each sleeping area *but away from air outlet vents*. Install either on the ceiling, at least 6" to 12" inches from the wall, or on the wall, at least 6" to 12" inches down from the ceiling.

EACH MONTH test by pushing the test button and vacuum away cob webs and dust.

REPLACE batteries once yearly. *An easy way to remember - change batteries every fall when clocks are changed from daylight savings time.*

REPLACE any smoke detector over 10 years old.

A WORD ABOUT HOME PHONES

Loss of electrical power is common during disasters. Therefore, it is imperative to have a land-line phone that plugs into the wall phone jack but **DOES NOT REQUIRE ELECTRICITY TO OPERATE**. Cordless phones are an example of a *NON* - land line phone.

UTILITIES

Locate and teach all responsible family members and neighbors how to shut off the main electric box, water service and propane gas at your home. Keep necessary tools near gas and water shut off valves. Only turn off utilities if you suspect the lines are damaged or if you are instructed to do so by authorities. *Remember, you will need a professional to turn back on the gas.*