

***Don't Wait, Check the Date* – Pelham Fire Prevention Week 2016**

Pelham Fire Services will hold a number of community events and initiatives for [Fire Prevention Week 2016](#) to help keep residents and businesses fire safe.

“The theme of Fire Prevention Week this year is *Don't Wait, Check the Date* of your smoke alarms,” said Pelham Fire Chief, Bob Lymburner. “Smoke alarms don't last forever and we want everyone to stay safe by checking the expiry date of their smoke alarms.”

Smoke alarms wear out over time and need to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer, usually 10 years. The date of manufacture is indicated on the back of the smoke alarm and the expiry date is taken from that date. While smoke alarms typically last 10 years, some have different expiry timeframes. The Town encourages property owners to check the manufacturer's instructions for the expiry timeframe of their smoke alarms.



“We remind residents that smoke alarms are required on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas,” said Pelham Fire Prevention Officer, William Underwood. “Please test all of your smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button on the alarm, and replace batteries at least once a year or when the alarm's low battery signal begins to chirp.” (Attached is a helpful “Test Your Smoke Alarm” calendar.)

Community members are invited to participate in the following as part of Pelham's 2016 Fire Prevention Week:

- **Tuesday, October 4th - Door-to-Door Smoke & CO Alarm Checks**
Pelham Firefighters will check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in Fonthill from 6:00-7:30pm.
- **Thursday, October 6th - Fire Safety at the Pelham Farmers' Market**
Join Sparky the Fire Safety Dog to explore a fire truck, meet firefighters, learn smoke alarm safety tips and receive great giveaways from 4:30-7:00pm.
- **Tuesday, October 11th - Door-to-Door Smoke & CO Alarm Checks**
Pelham Firefighters will check more smoke and carbon monoxide alarms all throughout Town from 6:00-7:30pm.
- **Saturday, October 15th - FREE Community BBQ**
Pelham Firefighters will grill a delicious BBQ and discuss smoke alarm safety. All are welcome in the Fonthill Giant Tiger parking lot from 11:00am until 1:00pm. Donations will be accepted for [Pelham Cares](#). Food and refreshments generously provided by Fonthill Giant Tiger and Pelham Fire Services.






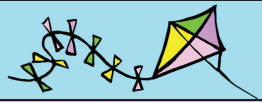






To learn more about smoke alarms, visit pelham.ca/smoke-alarms.

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SMOKE ALARM SAFETY SHEET

Families: Smoke alarms save lives. Make sure the smoke alarms in your home are working. Hang up this handy chart to remind you to test your smoke alarms every month and replace any that are over 10 years old.

MONTH	TESTED?	WORKED?	REPLACED?
OCTOBER 			
NOVEMBER 			
DECEMBER 			
JANUARY 			
FEBRUARY 			
MARCH 			
APRIL 			
MAY 			
JUNE 			
JULY 			
AUGUST 			
SEPTEMBER 			

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