

Beverly City Partners with Edgewater Park Township for FREE Home Fire Safety Inspection and Smoke Detector Program!

Beverly City Bureau of Fire Prevention and partner Edgewater Park Township Fire District #1 are responsible for enforcing the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code within each municipality.

The Beverly City Fire District (which contracts with the Cinnaminson Township Fire District as its local fire enforcing agency) and the Edgewater Park Fire District #1 have teamed up with the Philadelphia's Channel 6-ABC **Operation Save a Life** program that provides free smoke detectors and batteries to eligible properties.

[According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) about two-thirds of fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke detectors, or smoke detectors that do not work. But, in Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township, there is a way to get smoke detectors for FREE if you can't afford or install them yourself.

Here is what you need to know:

How can I get a free smoke detector?

The Fire Districts offer free smoke **detectors**, or batteries, which will be installed by either Beverly City's or Edgewater Park's Fire District through this host website: www.beverlycityfire.com.

To be eligible, you must live in Beverly City or in Edgewater Park Township in a one- to two-family house that is owner-occupied. (This program does not include free carbon monoxide detectors.)

You can fill out a smoke detector request form online. You will need to have the following information:

1. Your property address and contact information.
2. Whether you have working smoke detectors already.
3. The floor or floors on which you need a smoke detector installed.
4. If you need hearing-impaired smoke detectors or not.
5. A good time of day for the Fire Department to install the detector.

What if I rent?

If you live in a rental and your landlord does not have working smoke detectors in the unit, that is a violation of both Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township Municipal Code requirements. Those requirements state that property owners need to "maintain all fire protection and smoke detection equipment for the premises."

Landlords in both Beverly City and Edgewater Park **must provide smoke alarms on each level of the home.** If your landlord isn't providing you with smoke alarms, tenants should contact the Property and Housing Code Enforcement Office at (609) 747-4077 or codeenforcement@thecityofbeverly.com to report a violation, and the City will send an inspector to the property. Similarly, Edgewater Park tenants should contact the Code Enforcement unit at code-enforcement@edgewaterpark-nj.com or (609) 877-2050 x314 to report a violation and get an inspection.

How to make sure your smoke detector is working properly.

Once you have working smoke detectors installed in your home (or if you have them already), the Fire Department suggest [familiarizing yourself with the sounds they make](#). That means looking out for:

1. **Continued sets of three loud beeps**, which means smoke or fire.
2. **Single “chirps” every 30 or 60 seconds**, which means there is a low battery that needs changing.

Additionally, if your smoke detectors continue to “chirp” after you replace their batteries, you may need to replace it. All smoke alarms, the departments say, need to be replaced after 10 years.

Batteries in smoke detectors should be changed at least once a year, [the National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) says](#). One good way to remember: Replace it when you change your clock for daylight saving time in the spring and fall. The NFPA also recommends testing your smoke detectors [at least once a month](#) to make sure they're working properly.

The Kidde Smoke Detectors have a 10-year sealed lithium battery inside that does not get replaced until the whole unit is out of service. Make sure to test your smoke detector once a month.

Additionally, we provide various forms of fire safety education to the community by attending various public events and visiting schools, churches, businesses, and civic organizations. We also provide a smoke detector program to residents who qualify which includes battery operated smoke detectors and battery changes. We will conduct home safety inspections upon request to identify potential safety problems within your home. We also provide safety inspections and fire extinguisher training to businesses and civic groups located within Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township.

Please feel free to contact the Beverly City Fire Marshal's office for more information at (856) 829- 5220 ext. 1003 or contact the Fire District at: www@beverlycityfire.com.

Contact the Edgewater Park Fire Official's office for more information at (609) 877-8812 or contact the Fire District at: epfd14@gmail.com.