

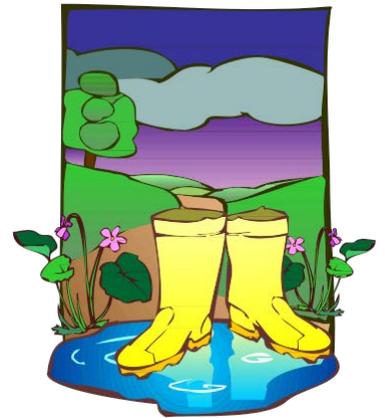


False Alarm Reduction Tips

Even though there may still be snow on the ground, Spring really is just around the corner! This year, when you do your spring cleaning in your home or business, be sure to include your alarm system.

Consider the following steps to prevent false alarms:

1. Spring usually brings warmer weather and we all like to open our windows and doors to let in the fresh air. Be sure to **close** and **lock** all doors and windows before arming your alarm system.
2. Before rearranging your furniture or putting up the new spring curtains or drapes, first determine whether the design change would interfere with the operation of your motion detectors.
3. Contact your alarm company and schedule the annual inspection of your alarm system. During the inspection, have them:
 - Inspect your system and remove all cobwebs and dirt that may have accumulated in and around your motion detectors and smoke detectors.
 - Check your alarm system batteries to ensure that they will operate your system for a minimum of 4 hours should you lose power.
 - Ensure that all window and door contacts are firmly in place.
 - Train or retrain all users on the proper operation of the alarm system.
 - Ensure that any changes you made to your home or business since the last inspection will not cause a false alarm.
 - Make sure that all of your contact information is still correct with your alarm company.
4. If you experience inclement weather during the springtime, be sure to check that all windows and doors fit securely in their frame so that blowing wind will not cause a false alarm.



Your local public safety agency strongly recommends performing the listed maintenance tips on your alarm system routinely to prevent false alarms!



*Don't be part of the problem!
Be part of the solution!*