

Smoke
Alarm
Tips



What is a smoke alarm?

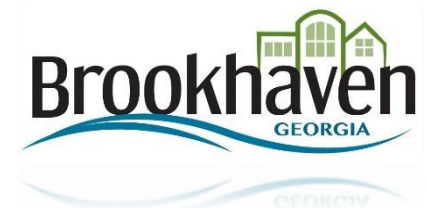
A smoke alarm is an electronic fire-protection device that automatically senses smoke and sounds a warning for occupants to exit the building



How does the smoke alarm work?

Smoke alarms are powered by a battery or by your home's electrical system, or both

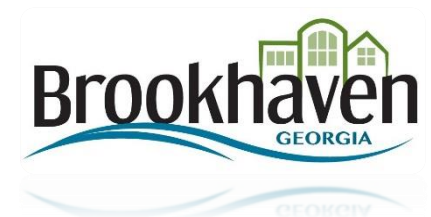
Smoke alarms are powered by 9-volt battery or a nonreplaceable 10-year lithium-ion battery. Smoke alarms that are powered from your home's electrical system, also require a backup battery that will need to be replaced once a year



Smoke alarm maintenance and replacement

Replace the 9-volt battery at least once a year, if applicable

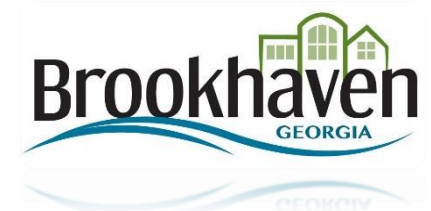
Use a vacuum cleaner to clean the dust out of you smoke alarm monthly and smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years



What are the different types of smoke alarms?

There are many brands of smoke alarms on the market, but they fall under 2 basic types:

- Ionization - detects flaming fires, prices starts at \$10
- Photoelectric - detects smoldering fires, prices start at \$25
- Combo ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms, prices start at \$35



Where do I install smoke alarms in my house?

In each bedroom, outside vicinity of each bedroom and on each level of your home



Where smoke alarms are not installed

In the kitchen, attic or garage



What do you do when a smoke alarm activates?

Have a responsible adult check to see if it is an actual fire or a false alarm



What do you do when a smoke alarm activates?

If it is an actual fire, ensure everyone gets out of the house and meet at the predetermined meeting location outside of the house and dial 911, and then:



What do you do when a smoke alarm activates?

If it is a false alarm, investigate the cause and eliminate the source as to prevent it from happening again

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Should you have any questions about smoke alarms,
please call the Brookhaven Fire Marshal's Office at
404.637.0500

