

# Safety Tips from the Fire Chief

**Replacement of 9-volt batteries:** When changing 9-volt batteries that are in smoke detectors and other appliances, **DO NOT** throw them in the household garbage! Instead use electrical tape to cover the positive and negative connections on the top of the battery and take them to the hazardous waste depot (located at the landfill on Alison Boulevard) which is open every Wednesday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm and every Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.



**Cigarette-butt cans:** Many people have these cans sitting on their decks and steps next to the wall of their house or garage. This is a fire hazard and these cans should **NOT** be left in these locations! Instead they should be placed at least 10 feet away from your house, garage, or any combustibles. Also, flower beds containing mulch or flower pots should not be used as a place to throw cigarettes. They are a fire waiting to happen!

