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Free Smoke-Alarm Batteries at Area Ace Hardware Stores
During National Fire Prevention Week, homeowners and apartment dwellers can exchange their old 9-volt smoke alarm batteries for a new one. Free.

Washington, DC/Baltimore, MD (October 1, 2010) – During National Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9), **Washington, DC area and Baltimore Ace Hardware stores are giving away 9-Volt batteries (a typical smoke-alarm battery) in exchange for old batteries.**

According to the National Fire Prevention Association (nfpa.org), in more than half of the reported home fires in which smoke alarms were present but did not operate, batteries were either missing or disconnected. There's no better reason to keep your smoke alarm in good working order.

And what happens to the old batteries? They get recycled through the stores' ongoing battery-recycling program. Customers can exchange their batteries at any location free of charge and without purchase. Limit three per customer.

While you're changing the battery and testing your smoke-alarm this month, there are some other things you can do in preparation for the winter season when incidences of home fires tend to increase:

- Test (or buy) fire extinguishers
- Inspect plugs and wires for damage
- Map out and practice a home-evacuation route.

About A Few Cool Hardware Stores

The seven hardware stores that comprise A Few Cool Hardware Stores are part of the Ace Hardware cooperative. This means they are independent and locally owned hardware stores that bring essential home-maintenance supplies, services and expertise to the community as well as some really cool decor and gift ideas. www.acehardwareDC.com/www.CharmCityAceHardware.com

Washington, DC Area:

Glover Park Hardware, 2251 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202-333-6378
Logan Hardware, 1416 P St. NW, 202-265-8900
Tenleytown Ace Hardware, 4500 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202-364-1902
5th Street Ace Hardware, 1055 5th St., NW, 202-682-4570
Old Takoma Ace Hardware, 7001 Carroll St., Takoma Park, MD 240-839-5170

Baltimore:

Waverly Ace Hardware, 601 Homestead St., 443-627-8893
Federal Hill Ace Hardware, 1214 Light St., 410-244-5910