



Township of Maplewood

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Smoke Detectors Available to Senior Citizens and Needy Families through Fire Department Program

The Maplewood Fire Department is continuing a program to distribute smoke detectors free-of-charge to senior citizens and needy families that reside in one- and two-family homes within the community. Smoke detectors are required in all one- and two-family homes by the N. J. Uniform Fire Code.

The majority of home fires that kill people happen at night. If you're asleep, the smell of smoke won't always wake you up. In fact, smoke and poisonous gases can put you into a deeper sleep. Properly installed and working smoke detectors are essential to ensure that you awaken in time to escape in the event of a fire.

The Fire Department received smoke detectors for distribution from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. The goal of the Division is to have at least one working smoke detector on every floor in every residence in New Jersey. Since the outset of the program, the Division has provided more than 40,000 smoke detectors to fire departments and other community-based organizations for distribution to families in New Jersey.

Smoke detectors will be provided to senior citizens and needy residents with referrals from the municipal welfare and health departments receiving priority. On-duty firefighters will install the smoke detectors in the proper locations and instruct residents on the proper use and maintenance. Residents receiving smoke detectors under this program will be required to sign a waiver indicating that they will maintain the detectors in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.

Assistance is also available for the proper placement and installation of carbon monoxide detectors. However, the homeowner must supply the carbon monoxide detectors. Residents having carbon monoxide detectors installed by firefighters will be required to sign a waiver indicating that they will maintain the detectors in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment to have a smoke detector installed, contact Maplewood Fire Headquarters at 762-6500, ext. 10 between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.



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Fire Department Offers Free Home Fire Safety Inspections

The Maplewood Fire Department offers free in-home fire inspections for township residents. Fire safety in the home should involve the whole family, young and elderly alike. Firefighters will come to your home to help identify fire hazards and make suggestions to improve home safety for your family. Inspections generally take about one hour and during the inspection, some items discussed are correct placement and testing of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, fire escape planning, proper removal of fire hazards, and proper types and placement of fire extinguishers.

For additional information or to schedule an appointment to have a fire safety inspection in your home, contact Maplewood Fire Headquarters at 973-762-6500, ext. 13.