

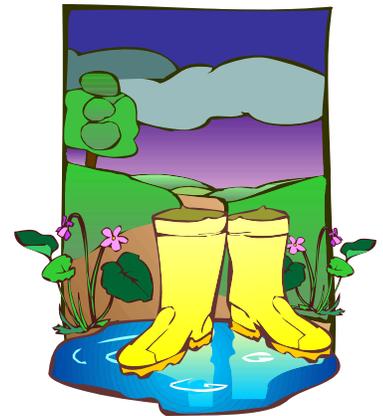


False Alarm Reduction Tips

Even with snow still on the ground in some places, Spring really is just around the corner! This year, when you do your spring cleaning in your home or business, why not do some spring cleaning on your alarm system as well?

Consider the following steps to help reduce the chance that you will have a false alarm:

1. With the warmer weather that spring usually brings, we all like to open our windows and doors to let in the fresh air. Be sure that before setting your alarm system, you fully **close** and **lock** all windows and doors.
2. Before you rearrange your furniture or put up the new spring curtains or drapes, you should first determine whether the design change would interfere with the operation of your motion detectors.
3. Has your alarm company made their annual inspection of your alarm system? If not, have them come out to:
 - 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 phone numbers are still correct.
4. If you experience stormy weather during the springtime in your area, be sure to check that all windows and doors fit snugly in their frame so that blowing wind will not cause a false alarm.



Your local public safety agency strongly recommends performing routine maintenance on your alarm system, such as those suggestions listed above, to reduce the likelihood of false alarms!



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