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Daylight Savings Time: Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time (DST) is coming up this weekend. In 2007, DST changed from the last weekend in October to the first weekend in November, which can cause some hassles. Here are some tips for easily getting your household through it.

While most of your newer electronics are equipped to adjust to the change in DST, some older units may not be. Many of your household gadgets, including televisions, VHS/DVD player/recorders, clock radios, etc., didn't come with DST locked in, but allowed you to choose DST automation or manual time setting. Remember all those buttons you pushed when you first set things up? Me either, but I'm willing to bet I chose to have it automatically update so I'd never have to worry about it again.

You'll need to manually set the time now. So dig out those instruction manuals and figure out how to turn off DST automation and manually configure your electronic clocks.

While you're at it, don't forget programmable thermostats, security systems, guest rooms, car clocks, and all those other out of the way time keepers. Since you'll be going from room to room to change clocks, DST is a great time to do a safety check on your home.

Your safety check should include changing batteries in smoke alarms, CO2 detectors and flashlights, taking stock of or restocking your emergency/survival kit and recharging your fire extinguisher, among other tasks.

Remember, when you fall back, it doesn't mean you should fall behind. Use that extra hour wisely.

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