

Free Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Programs:

Rolling Meadows Fire Department Be Alarmed Free Smoke Detector Program

The City of Rolling Meadows is proud to partner with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and the Illinois State Fire Marshal to bring you the **Free Smoke Detector Program**, part of the statewide *Be Alarmed!* Smoke Alarm Installation Program. Through this initiative, residents can receive no-cost, long-life 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms — as well as specialized bed-shaker alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing — helping ensure every home has reliable fire protection.

Working smoke alarms are one of the most effective ways to prevent injury or death in a home fire. They should be installed in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level of the home. This program provides guidance and installation support to help residents meet these safety standards.

Important Information for Residents and Renters:

- **In rental units, Illinois law requires property owners and landlords to provide and maintain working smoke detectors.** Tenants should contact their landlord if detectors are missing, not functioning, or outdated.
- **Hard-wired smoke detectors cannot be replaced with battery-operated units through this program.** If a hard-wired alarm needs repair or replacement, residents must contact a licensed electrician or the property owner for proper service.

Rolling Meadows residents interested in receiving a free smoke detector or learning more about fire safety can contact the Fire Prevention Bureau. To schedule an installation or request assistance, please call **847-397-3352 ext. 4041** or email fireprevention@cityrm.org. Our team is committed to helping keep every home in our community safe

A link for the program can be found here:

<https://www.ifsa.org/prevention-resources/smoke-alarm/>

Rolling Meadows Free Carbon Monoxide Detector Program

The City of Rolling Meadows Fire Department, in partnership with the **Meijer Store in Rolling Meadows**, is proud to offer **free carbon monoxide (CO) detectors** to residents in need. This community-focused program helps ensure that every household has access to lifesaving protection against carbon monoxide — a dangerous, colorless, odorless gas that can become deadly without warning.

Carbon monoxide is produced by fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, water heaters, stoves, fireplaces, and vehicles. Because it cannot be seen or smelled, exposure can lead to symptoms often mistaken for the flu, including headache, dizziness, nausea, and confusion. High levels can quickly become lethal. A working CO detector is the only reliable way to detect this gas and provide early warning so residents can evacuate and call for help. Installing CO alarms outside sleeping areas and on every level of the home greatly reduces the risk of CO-related emergencies.

Please note: In rental units, **Illinois law requires the property owner or landlord to provide and install carbon monoxide detectors.** However, if a tenant has concerns or needs guidance about proper placement or CO safety, the Rolling Meadows Fire Department is always available to assist.

Rolling Meadows residents interested in receiving a free carbon monoxide detector can contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for assistance. To schedule a pickup or learn more about the program, please call **847-397-3352 ext. 4041** or email fireprevention@cityrm.org. The Rolling Meadows Fire Department is committed to helping every household stay safe, and this partnership with Meijer strengthens that mission across our community.