

Verona Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Smoke and & Carbon Monoxide Detectors should be replaced every 10 years from the date of manufacture as the sensors degrade over time. The original detectors installed by Minto were hardwired with a 9-volt battery backup. However, the battery needs to be replaced every year. Today, detectors are available with a 10-year built-in battery so you no longer have to change the battery.

The features you should look for in replacement detectors are:

- **Smoke & Carbon Monoxide** - Florida's building code requires detectors be combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms because we have attached garages where a car may accidentally be left running. Florida's code also requires one alarm inside and one alarm outside each sleeping area in the home.
- **Hardwired** – Detectors run off household electricity unless the power is out.
- **10 Year Built-in Battery** – This allows for back-up when the power is out, and also you won't be climbing a ladder every year to put in a new 9-volt battery – much safer for elderly people and saves money in the long run. *NO LOW-BATTERY CHIRPS FOR 10 YEARS!*
- **Interconnected** - When one alarm goes off, they all go off so the alarm is heard throughout the house.

Several brands of detectors are highly rated by Consumer Reports including **First Alert**, **BRK** (same as First Alert), **Kidde**, **Universal Security Instruments** and **Innolink**. These are all available at Home Depot, Lowes and/or Ace Hardware.

The original detectors installed by Minto were: **First Alert, Model SC9120B**, but they are now obsolete. An easy replacement is the **First Alert/BRK Model SMICO105-AC**. This is available at Amazon, Lowes & Ace (although **Lowes & Ace also lists this as Model 1046882**). The new mounting plate is a little different on the replacement alarm, so it will need to be changed out. However, the plug is the same so there is no need to rewire.

