

Plumstead Township

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

SUMMER 2026

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW FULL-TIME FIRE CHIEF & FIRE MARSHAL!

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our community remains Plumstead Township's highest priority. We are excited to welcome William Wiegman III as our new full-time Fire Chief and Fire Marshal. Bill will help lead the creation of the Plumstead Township Fire and Rescue Department, scheduled to begin operations in 2026. The Fire Chief serves as the senior officer responsible for the leadership, management, and administration of the Plumstead Township Fire and Rescue Department. This includes overseeing the weekday daytime paid fire staff, coordinating with volunteer fire companies, and ensuring effective emergency response, fire prevention, and community safety programs. The Fire Chief provides strategic direction, operational leadership, and administrative oversight to maintain a high level of preparedness, professionalism, and cooperation within the township. In addition to the operational role of Fire Chief, Bill will serve as the township Fire Marshal, performing fire inspections, reviewing land development proposals, and performing other related duties.



Bill comes to the township with a wealth of emergency services experience, having served as the full-time paid Fire Chief of Montgomery Township, PA. Bill is experienced in leading a paid fire service, community risk reduction and Emergency Management. He is a graduate of La Salle University and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is currently working to obtain his Doctorate in Public Administration. Bill teaches at the Bucks County Public Safety Training Center and the Pennsylvania Fire Academy. He comes to Plumstead Township with numerous certifications in fire services and incident command.

The newly formed fire department will provide comprehensive fire protection services, including rapid response to fire emergencies, critical medical assistance for high-priority calls, fire safety inspections, community education, and proactive fire prevention programs. Our team of paid firefighters will be available on weekdays and will work closely with our dedicated volunteer fire services to deliver exceptional protection for our residents.

We invite all residents to join us in supporting this important initiative. Together, we can build a safer, stronger Plumstead Township. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved as we launch this vital service for our community.

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 www.plumstead.org
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Police Department
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Public Works Department
 Floyd S. Bryan Public Works Center
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 Billing Questions: 215-766-0189
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 For after hours service disruption or non-emergency issues of concern, please contact Police Dispatch at 215-766-8740. Identify yourself as a Plumstead Township Water Department customer.

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Township Manager: Stacey Mulholland
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Police Dept. Administrative Assistant: Sarah Ferri
Police Clerk: Jennifer Bodder
Code Enforcement: Keystone Municipal Services - Phil Neas
Fire Chief / Fire Marshal - William F. Wiegman III
Fire Inspector (Part Time): Jeff Gouldey

Meetings:

The Board of Supervisors meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM.
The Planning Commission meet on the 3rd & 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00PM.
The Zoning Hearing Board meet at the call of the Chairman.
The Environmental Advisory Council meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM.
The Parks & Recreation Committee meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM.
The Land Preservation Education Advisory Committee (LPEAC) meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00PM
The Veteran's Committee meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm

All meetings are held at the Township Building unless otherwise noted on the Township calendar.

SAVE THE DATE

1. Social Club..... 2/5 - 10/29
2. Blood Drive 6/3/26
3. Concert in the Park - Dtown Heat Big Band 6/5
4. Concert in the Park - Yesterday's Gone..... 6/19
5. Camp Plumstead 6/22-6/26
6. OT Multi Athletics 6/29 - 8/28
7. Concert in the Park - Alex Buono Band 7/10
8. Iron Pigs (Fireworks Night) 7/11
9. Concert in the Park - Barefoot Bobby & the Breakers..... 7/24
10. Concert in the Park - Country Mile 8/7
11. Concert in the Park - Tuesday Night Special..... 8/21
12. Community Day & Movie Night September
13. Trick or Treat 10/24 (rain date 10/25)
14. Annual Giving Tree Event 11/1 - 12/6
15. Tree Lighting 12/4 (rain date 12/5)

PUBLIC WORKS

CALL 8-1-1

Spring time weather brings yard work and home improvement projects.

Please remember, PA state law requires you to Call 8-1-1 before any digging.

Please visit www.pa811.org for more information, guidance and direction on planning and carrying out any excavation projects.



DEAD TREES

The township continues to make pleas, and in some cases, written notifications to property owners regarding dead trees that have been assessed and deemed to pose a significant hazard to pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles.

We once again are asking all property owners to evaluate all trees at their road frontage with respect to being a danger to travelers on the road.

All trees, whether located within the right-of-way, or solely on private land, that are within proximity of a public road, should be evaluated by homeowners or a tree professional. Hazardous trees should be scheduled for removal.

As spring moves in and trees begin to bud, any dead or dying trees within proximity of a traveled road or sidewalk should be evaluated and removed as necessary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

2026 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Major infrastructure projects approved as a part of the 2026 budget include the following.

- Storm inlet and road base repairs with micro-surface paving on streets located in the Landis Greene development. Work will be completed on Sarah's Drive, Marie Circle, Mia Lane, Landis Greene Drive, Emily Drive and Gregory Drive. The micro surface paving operation has been completed on development streets across the township over the past 11 years. This PennDOT approved construction process allows for leveling of the existing roadway with minimal disturbance to the road. Crews repair deficiencies and check and replace storm inlets prior to the
- Pothole and failed area corrections on various roads. Crews will conduct daily closures of various roads to complete repairs needed as a result of the harsh cold on the winter of 2025/26. Deep freeze and thaw cycles can create asphalt failures in wet and clay laden areas under the road. Rather than just continually patching and repairing the surface, crews excavate the poor soil, install sub-drains as necessary where springs are found and repave with permanent materials.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

All residents are encouraged to compost yard waste. Pick up will be BY APPOINTMENT only. Residents are required to call the Public Works office at 215-766-0189 prior to 7:00 AM on the date of collection to schedule pick up.

YARD WASTE: Yard waste will be collected on a monthly basis during February, March, April, May, September, October and November with pick-ups occurring on the last Monday of the month. The December and January pickups will be combined and will take place in conjunction with the first Christmas tree pick up scheduled in January.

IMPORTANT SPECIFICATIONS: Yard waste consists of tree branches and limbs only. Yard waste shall be placed in neat piles at the edge of the road, near your driveway. Limb size is restricted to six (6) foot lengths no greater than five (5) inches in diameter. Piles are to be stacked with the cut edge facing the road. Piles must be less than 2' in height and 2' in width. No more than 10 piles will be accepted at one time. Grass clippings, leaves, trash, rocks, dirt and plants or bushes with dirt/root ball intact WILL NOT be accepted. These items should be composted within your property. Grass clippings should be left to lay and decompose. DO NOT dispose of grass clippings with household waste. Yard waste is to be placed curbside by 7:00 AM on the last Monday of the month following your call to schedule the pick-up. Pick up will be based on citizen response, weather conditions and scheduling within the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC WORKS

WATER SYSTEM NOTES – PLEASE READ (2 MINUTES)

Calls come into the Public Works office from time to time regarding water quality concerns and excess use issues.

Potable water is provided to customers from ground water wells across the township. Most notable is the high, naturally occurring, mineral content (hardness) that can cause light discoloration and sediment build up. The township addresses this concern by flushing the system through fire hydrants at least annually. Flushing moves a large volume of water all at once, up, and out of the system through a fire hydrant. This carries sediment and other naturally occurring elements that have settled out in the water main.

From time to time, we receive calls about “cloudy” water. In most cases, this is simply air in the water. If you fill a clear glass from your tap and see cloudiness, let the glass sit for several minutes and the air will dissipate. You will know it was air even if you were to take a spoon and quickly stir the water in the glass. The water should remain clear. Air can enter the home plumbing through malfunctioning equipment or leaks.

In almost every situation, when we receive a call regarding low or no pressure, it is likely caused by something within the home. Typically, a whole house water filter, specialized water treatment equipment, or a malfunctioning water softener is the likely cause. In rare cases the cause can be hydrant use for a fire, or a water main break. Each of these appliances requires some level of service on a regular basis. Malfunctions include filters not being changed at regular intervals and are a common cause of quality issues.

A malfunctioning water softener that was installed and had

never been serviced was the recent cause for an extremely high-water bill. Thousands of gallons of water went “down the drain” and had to be paid for by the customer. Please consult the owner’s manuals and reputable service companies for more information on the proper management of these appliances. Adding salt and allowing the unit to automatically backwash are not the only things that need to be done to a water softener.



Finally, you can check your water usage by simply monitoring the water meter in your home. At a quiet time when no use is occurring, stand at your water meter. The numbers/dial should not be moving. If it is, you may have a toilet leaking or other appliance allowing water to flow freely. You can read your own meter on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis and calculate your usage to see if you believe it to be within a normal range.

Please see the photograph attached. Inside the home, the township is ONLY responsible for the water meter. All other plumbing close to or around the meter is the responsibility of the homeowner. There are two large brass nuts on either side of the meter head. The meter should be sealed with a small wire to prevent unauthorized meter removal. Anything leaking outside these two nuts is the responsibility of the homeowner.

We have a responsibility to provide clean, safe water, and we do. While we cannot offer specific advice, we hope that these few general topics will be seriously considered as a part of your normal home maintenance and care.

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PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



Officer Elkadousy Honored as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

The Doylestown Post 175 Veterans of Foreign Wars presented Officer Elkadousy with the prestigious Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award for 2026 during the Township Meeting on April 8, 2026.

This esteemed recognition is a testament to Officer Elkadousy's exemplary courage, swift judgment, and life-saving actions. His outstanding performance in the line of duty has earned him this commendation, reflecting the highest standards of professionalism, preparedness, and service.

Officer Elkadousy's unwavering commitment to preserving life brings great credit to himself, the Plumstead Township Police Department, and the law enforcement profession as a whole. We are proud to have him serving our community.



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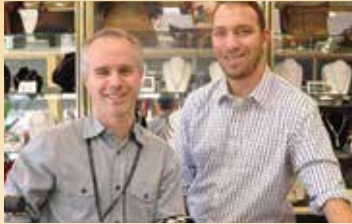
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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The **EAC's Winter Seed Workshop**, led by EAC member Andrea Glang Polozniakova, was well attended and everyone left with containers of native seeds to nurture until planting time! It's an easy and fun project for even the youngest to do. We look forward to doing it again next year!

Spring Cleaning! The EAC recently gathered 15 bags of bottles, cans, food containers, plastic/paper bags, and even the base of an office chair, from along Gordon Road. We never found the rest of the chair! It's not too late to pitch in where you live or work. The township Adopt a Road program provides supplies and safety equipment. Many township roads are available for businesses, groups or individuals to periodically tidy up. More info can be found on Plumstead's "Adopt a Road" program on the township's webpage at www.plumstead.org/geninfo/aatr.pdf. PennDOT also has their own "Adopt a Highway" program for the state roads in our township, found at www.adoptahighway.penndot.pa.gov. Let's work together to make and keep Plumstead beautiful!



In the works: pollinator/native plant gardens; invasive plant pulling; new bat houses for Owl's Nest Park; watershed education, stream/road cleanups, and more! Events will be announced on the township Facebook page.

The EAC meets on First Tuesdays of the month at 7PM. We are seven volunteer members, plus associate members with an interest in all things environmental, who participate in our events. We advise the Board of Supervisors on matters dealing with protection, conservation, management and use of natural resources, like air, land and water resources.

We can also be reached via plumsteadeac@gmail.com **All are welcome!**



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PLUMSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Visit our museum this summer and find out what makes Plumstead special. It is free and always open for individuals or groups by a simple email request at phs1725@gmail.com. We will also be open this summer on Saturdays from 10am until 1 PM from June 6 to August 29.

Our history isn't just old farms and covered bridges. Did you know we had a trolley line? Or more recently, why the chant "Dump the pump!" brought national attention? We have meetings every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm with topics like the Doan gang and restoration techniques. We are in the old chapel at 4808 Old Easton Rd in Danboro.



We are always eager for display donations – even temporary loans - of interesting artifacts. We are currently gathering material for Plumstead's involvement in WW2 (Note the photos of newspaper headlines and Gardenville sailor Norman Lear). We have air raid warden IDs, gas ration books and some uniforms, but need more for a proper display. Please email us with any suggestions at phs1725@gmail.com.

And to clear up some confusion, the Plumstead Historical Society is a private 501c organization dedicated to teaching about our history, but we are sometimes confused with the township's Historical Advisory Committee, which advises the township on property preservation. We share a common interest in history but serve different purposes.

TREE CITY USA

Plumstead Township Recognized as a Tree City USA for the 20th Year!

Plumstead Township is proud to announce that our community has once again been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation—marking our 20th consecutive year of receiving this prestigious designation!

This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to promoting environmental stewardship and ensuring a greener, healthier future for all residents. Being a Tree City USA demonstrates our dedication to improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff, and enhancing the overall beauty of our community. We extend our gratitude to our residents, local organizations, and township staff who support these efforts and contribute to making Plumstead Township a thriving, tree-friendly environment.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program is operated in partnership with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To learn more about Tree City USA and other Arbor Day Foundation programs, visit arborday.org/programs.



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LYME DISEASE OVERVIEW

Lyme disease as well as other tick-borne diseases are a very serious problem not only in Bucks County, but throughout the state. Bucks County averages about 400 cases per year. However, tick populations are extremely difficult to control because they live and breed throughout nature and unlike mosquitoes, do not breed in standing water. Therefore, the best tactic to avoid contracting Lyme disease is to avoid getting bit.

The blacklegged tick, also known as the deer tick, transmits the Lyme disease bacterium through its bite. Certain precautions can be taken to prevent tick bites along with being aware of what areas and conditions ticks are most likely to be found.

Tick Info: The blacklegged tick, or deer tick, is often found in wooded and grassy areas.

Most humans are infected with the Lyme disease bacterium through the bites of immature ticks, called nymphs, which feed in the spring and summer months.

Ticks are often found attached to humans in the groin, armpits, and scalp areas, however they can attach anywhere on the body. In most cases the tick must be attached for 36-48 hours or more before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted.

Ticks can be avoided by wearing long-sleeved light-colored clothing, pants tucked into socks, and using insect repellent. Clothing can be treated with 0.5% permethrin which is effective in repelling ticks. See the websites listed on the bottom of the following page to find the best repellent(s) for you.

Trail heads have an informational sign which is an excellent example of the measures that can be taken to educate the community. Please reach out to BCDH if you are interested in obtaining trail head signs. In addition, municipalities can work on cutting back foliage on paths and maintaining wider trails. This is important as ticks primarily attach onto people by using a questing technique, as shown in the picture below, whereby ticks climb to the top of foliage and attach to people or animals as they brush past.

https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/causes/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/transmission/index.html



HOW TO PREVENT TICK BITES

- Wear insect repellent or protective clothing (long pants and shirt).
- Always check for ticks immediately after activity and again at bedtime. Check your groin, neck, ears, and back of knees.
- Stay on trails and paths, not in high grass.

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LAND PRESERVATION EDUCATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Open Space Preservation – Impacts Finances and Quality of Life

Plumstead Township voters have long supported protection of our open space resources—emphasizing preservation of farmland, natural resources, and parkland. Over the years, more than \$18 million in Open Space investments were approved, successfully **preserving over 4,800 acres—28% of the township’s land area** and part of what makes it a wonderful place to live. While preservation efforts had been robust for many decades, only three properties have been preserved in the past 10 years. During that same period, Plumstead’s population grew by 14.4%—well above the County average of 3.9%, while development activity has continued to create strong competition for available land.

Township supervisors and the Land Preservation Education and Advisory Committee (LPEAC) work to educate residents on the community impacts of new development and inspire more landowners to preserve, including:

- **Financial Impact:** The cost to educate children in public schools often exceeds the school taxes paid by new homeowners.
- **Infrastructure Cost:** Each new resident increases the demand for police, fire, EMS, and road maintenance, costing township tax dollars.
- **Environmental Impact:** Although the Township’s Subdivision and Land Ordinances serve to protect resources, development can alter natural landscapes and affect wildlife habitats, impact groundwater, and cause runoff and erosion.

Studies show farmland costs only \$0.36 in government services per \$1.00 of tax revenue generated, while residential development costs \$1.30 per \$1.00 (Source: Saving Land Saves Money, Montgomery County Land Trust). If you have questions or are interested in preserving your land, please visit the Plumstead Township website. The Land Preservation application can be found under Land Preservation/Forms and Documents.

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2026 BUCKS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

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May 30	Upper Bucks	Upper Bucks County Technical School 3115 Ridge Road, Perkasié, Bedminster Township
July 11	Lower Bucks	Bucks County Community College 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, Newtown Township
August 8	Lower Bucks	Bensalem High School 4319 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, Bensalem Township
October 24	Upper Bucks	Strayer Middle School 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive, Quakertown, Richland Township



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The chains should spin your pedals and move freely.

AND ALWAYS WEAR A PROPERLY FITTED HELMET!

MY TIRE BLEW OUT WHILE DRIVING. NOW WHAT?



KEEP CALM

Don't panic! Slamming on the brakes or taking your foot off the gas can result in a loss of control.

MAINTAIN CONTROL

Maintain your speed, gradually release the gas pedal and correct steering.

PULL OVER

Continue to slow down and pull off the road where it's safe to do so.

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—bringing neighbors together, filling the park with music and joy, and creating memories that will last all summer long.

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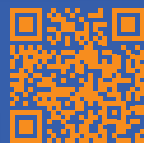
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HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Plumstead's Historic Resources Preservation Ordinance

Plumstead Township's historic houses, barns, bridges and other structures provide our community with a sense of place and should be preserved whenever possible.

To assist in preservation efforts, Heritage Conservancy completed the township's first historic site survey of buildings 50 years old or older in 1990. The survey, which was updated in 2001 and is available for review at the township office, provides photographs and general information about each resource and led to the implementation of Plumstead's Historic Resources Preservation Ordinance (Ord. 01-09-18-1).



In short, the ordinance requires any application for a zoning permit or subdivision and land development to preserve structures that are identified as being of local, state or national importance. Only in cases where the historic resource is in irreparable condition is demolition allowed. Any demolition application for an identified historic building must undergo a review and include a certified engineering report regarding its structural stability.

As an incentive to preserve a historic building and its historic context in subdivision and land development projects, the ordinance can allow for lot lines and setbacks requirements to be reduced for new construction to meet density. In addition, Plumstead's villages are further protected by requiring replacement buildings to conform to size, scale and setbacks of the village's historic resources.

Plumstead's Historic Advisory Committee (HAC) can provide more information about specific resources and assists the Board of Supervisors in their review. To learn more about the history and architecture of your property, contact the HAC through the township office or attend the committee's monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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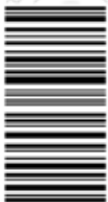
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IN MEMORIAM: WOODY KIEL

Longtime Supervisor Woody Kiel recently passed away. He faithfully served Plumstead Township from 1974 to 1991, guiding the Township through a transformational period in its history.

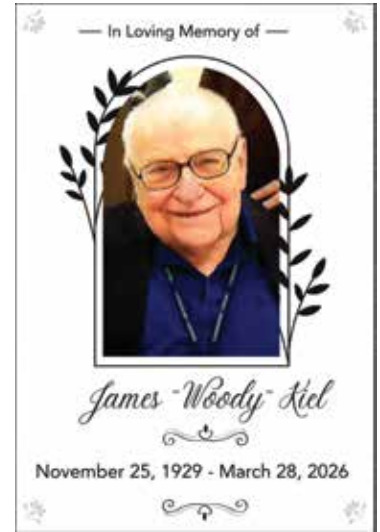
During his tenure, Township operations looked different from what they do today. Meeting minutes were typed by hand, and the "Bill's List" was often less than a page. A growing township kept community discussions lively, whether on the issue of sewer infrastructure or debate over the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 413 and "the Pike."

Supervisor Kiel's contributions were many, but among his most lasting achievements was the remodeling of the historic schoolhouse into what is now the Plumstead Township Meeting Room. His name is memorialized on the dedication plaque that remains on display today.

Mr. Kiel understood the importance of elections and local government. Following his tenure as a Township Supervisor, he could often be found supporting elections in his role as Constable.

Woody Kiel's legacy is woven into the fabric of the Township he served for decades.

Rest in peace, Woody.



PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE

"Every fire begins with a spark." The Plumstead Township Veterans Committee is seeking individuals who embody that spark—the kind of spark that ignites inspiration in others.

Each year, the **Colonel Marlena Parker Inspirational Veteran Award** honors veterans whose resilience, leadership, and continued service shine long after their military careers have ended. Named for Colonel Marlena Parker, whose life exemplified courage, compassion, and unwavering dedication, this award recognizes those who remind us that the call to serve doesn't end when the uniform comes off. It lives on in everyday acts of mentorship, advocacy, setting a positive example, and community-building that strengthen the fabric of our township.

Ideal candidates demonstrate:

- Honorable military service
- Meaningful community service and civic engagement
- Exceptional personal conduct and character
- Resilience in the face of adversity
- A positive and lasting impact on others



If you are such a veteran—or if you know someone who is—we would be honored to hear from you. Please contact Veterans Committee Chair **Jim McComb** at jim_mccomb@verizon.net or **2672818738**.

For more details about the award, please visit the Veterans Section of the **Spring 2026 Plumstead Township newsletter**.

Smoke Alarm Safety at Home



Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- **INSTALL** smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An **IONIZATION** smoke alarm is generally more responsive

to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.

- Smoke alarms should be **INSTALLED** away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

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