

Security Systems Battery Replacement

The backup batteries in the security systems (whether activated or not) are recommended to be replaced every three years. Their scheduled life is 3 to 6 years, so most of the RAP Community will be experiencing the need for replacement in the very near future. When the security system is experiencing a problem the system will emit 5 short beeps every minute. This is your notice to press the “ * “ asterisk on the key panel to check the status of the system. It will show “LOW BATT” if the battery needs replacing. As long as you have power, the security system will function normally. Checking the status turns off the beeps for 4 hours, then they resume annoying you.

The battery is located in the master control panel (not the key pad). It is a sealed lead acid rechargeable battery. It should be replaced with a like replacement. The type is 12 volt 7AH with F2 terminals. Check your battery to make certain of the correct type (Homes in Phases 1 -3 have GE Concord 4 systems, homes in Regency Hills have Honeywell Ademco Vista Series systems). Both systems should use the same battery. Home Depot and Lowes may have these batteries in stock; check the websites to be certain. They cost \$30 - \$40. They are also available on-line for about half that price but beware they are heavy and can have a significant shipping charge added. The fool proof approach would be to disconnect the battery and take it with you. The battery and system wires are color coded, make sure to connect red to red and black to black when you install the new battery. Note: The old battery should not be put into the trash; it must be disposed of properly at a township HAZMAT collection site or in the collection containers for batteries at store collection sites (Lowes, Home Depot, etc.)

After installing the battery your system may still emit the warning beeps until the new battery is fully charged. You should arm and disarm the system after you change the battery. This may be a problem if you are not using your system and do not remember your personal id code or if you haven't had the system set up by Connective Home when you moved in.