



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

4TH OF JULY SAFETY BULLETIN

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FIREWORKS DANGER

Fireworks bring excitement and celebration—but they also pose serious fire risks, especially around holidays like the Fourth of July. Help protect your home and family by taking these simple but effective precautions:

1. Clear the Area Around Your Home

- Remove dry leaves, pine needles, and other flammable debris from roofs, gutters, decks, and yards.
- Trim tree limbs, shrubs, and overgrown vegetation—especially anything hanging over your roof.

2. Use Fire-Resistant Building Materials

- Choose fire-resistant roofing and siding if renovating.
- Install fine metal mesh on vents and windows to keep out drifting embers or sparks.

3. Keep Your Lawn Hydrated

- Water lawns and garden beds regularly during hot, dry months.
- Keep a garden hose connected and ready for emergency use.

4. Install Smoke Detectors & Fire Extinguishers

- Test smoke alarms monthly—install on each level of your home.
- Keep extinguishers easily accessible; teach everyone how to use them.

5. Establish a Fire Safety Buffer Zone

- Keep a safe clearance zone around your home—free of flammable materials like wood piles or dry mulch.
- Do not allow fireworks to be used close to any structures.

6. Close Windows, Doors, and Vents

- During peak fireworks nights, seal your home—sparks can drift inside open windows or vents.

7. Store Combustibles Properly

- Secure gasoline, propane, and paint away from your home, in flame-resistant storage or outbuildings.

8. Educate Your Household

- Review fire escape routes.
- Ensure everyone knows how to respond if a fire starts.

9. Know Local Fireworks Laws

- The City of Star only allows non-aerial common fireworks from **June 23 to July 5**.
- Report illegal fireworks to local authorities.

10. Stay Alert

- Be extra cautious during peak fireworks times.
- Monitor your property and act fast if you see fire or smoke.

11. Attend Community Displays

- Support public, professional fireworks shows—they're safer and reduce neighborhood fire risk.

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