



## Fireworks Safety

# Protect Your Home



Protecting your home from the potential dangers of fireworks, especially around holidays when fireworks are commonly used, involves several proactive measures. Here are some tips to help safeguard your home:

1. Clear the Area Around Your Home:
  - Remove dry leaves, branches, and other flammable materials from your yard, roof, and gutters.
  - Trim trees and bushes, keeping them away from the house, and ensure no overhanging branches could catch fire.
2. Use Fire-Resistant Materials:
  - Consider using fire-resistant roofing and siding materials to reduce the risk of ignition from falling fireworks.
  - Install metal screens on windows and vents to prevent sparks from entering your home.
3. Water Your Lawn:
  - Keep your lawn and garden well-watered to reduce the risk of fire spreading.
  - Have a garden hose connected and ready for immediate use in case of fire.
4. Install Smoke Detectors and Fire Extinguishers:
  - Ensure smoke detectors are installed and working on every level of your home.
  - Keep fire extinguishers accessible, and ensure everyone in your household knows how to use them.
5. Create a Safety Zone:
  - Establish a safety zone around your home by keeping a buffer area free of flammable materials.
  - Ensure that fireworks are not set off within a safe distance from your home.
6. Close Windows and Doors:
  - On nights when fireworks are expected, close all windows, doors, and vents to prevent sparks from entering your home.
7. Store Flammable Materials Safely:
  - Keep flammable liquids, gas cans, and other combustible materials stored in a safe, secure location away from the house.
8. Educate Your Family:
  - Teach your family members about fire safety and what to do in case of a fire.
  - Have an evacuation plan and ensure everyone knows how to safely exit the home in an emergency.
9. Monitor Local Regulations:
  - Be aware of local fireworks laws and regulations, and report illegal fireworks use to authorities.
10. Stay Alert:
  - Keep an eye on your property and neighborhood during times when fireworks are likely to be used.
  - Be ready to act quickly if you notice any signs of fire.
11. Support Community Fireworks Displays:
  - Encourage neighbors to attend community-sponsored fireworks displays instead of setting off their own fireworks, reducing the risk of home fires.