QUESTIONS

If you have questions or concerns about firework safety, please contact one of our certified fire inspectors at (503) 823-3700.

MORE INFORMATION

You can also get more information about firework safety by visiting our website at http:/www.portlandonline.com/fire/fireworks.

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Firework Safety Tips for Neighborhoods

CELEBRATION

EACH YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES, WE CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY WITH COMMUNITY PARADES, PICNICS, BARBECUES, AND FIREWORKS - THE THINGS OF WHICH HAPPY MEMORIES ARE MADE. BUT SADLY, INDEPENDENCE DAY ALSO INCLUDES TRAGIC EVENTS AND INJURIES RESULTING FROM ILLEGAL FIREWORKS USE AND IS BOTH TRAUMATIZING AND HARMFUL TO CHILDREN, ANIMALS, AND A GROWING NUMBER OF WAR VETERANS WHO DESERVE OUR LOYALTY THE MOST.

COMPLETELY ASIDE FROM THE DANGER (BOTH LEGAL AND PERSONAL) OF EXPLODING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS, THERE'S A HUGE RISK OF FIRE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Keep You, Your Family, & Your Neighborhood Safe

PURCHASING LEGAL FIREWORKS Legal fireworks may be purchased only from Oregon permitted fireworks retailers and stands.

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS Oregon law forbids possession, use or sale of fireworks that fly, explode or travel more than six feet on the ground or 12 inches in the air. Bottle rockets, Roman candles, and firecrackers are ILLEGAL in Oregon.

UNDER OREGON LAW Officials may seize illegal fireworks fining offenders up to $500 per violation including possession of illegal fireworks and endangering life and property. Offenders may also be arrested.

FIREWORKS CAUSING DAMAGE OR MISUSE Any fireworks causing damage or misuse of fireworks carries a liability for the offender, who may be required to pay for resulting fire or other damage.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS Parents are liable for fireworks-caused damage by their children. Costs may include assessed fines as well as the cost of suppressing fireworks-caused fires.

STANDING TOGETHER

This 4th of July, Portland Fire & Rescue and our partners - the Portland Police Bureau, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, Oregon Humane Society, Multnomah County Animal Services, Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications, and Senator Chip Shields urge you to consider the negative effects of illegal fireworks on our community. Participating in one of the numerous professional firework displays in our region is a smart way to enjoy the 4th of July in a safe and legal manner.

Our goal is to make the 4th of July safe and enjoyable for all. You can help educate your neighbors about the negative effects of illegal fireworks by downloading one of the following brochures at

http://www.portlandonline.com/fire/fireworks/educationalhandouts

Steps for Safer Use Of Fireworks

PREPAREDNESS Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.

CHILDREN & PETS STAY CLEAR Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.

RESPONSIBILITY Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak in a bucket of water before disposal.