

Battle Creek Fire Department



From the Desk of Fire Marshal Quincy Jones

TO: City of Battle Creek

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RE: Fireworks

Fireworks activities are expected to proceed with the upcoming July 4th holiday period. The Battle Creek Fire Department has determined that the Open Burn Ban will continue to remain in effect during the fireworks holiday period. Although the recent rain has made some improvements with the dry conditions we still want to be cautious. Simultaneous permitting of fireworks and open burning still border the line of caution. We still would like to see some continuous rain to better the dry conditions even more. While some may elect to observe the upcoming holiday with legal fireworks use at home, we also encourage the consideration of public displays conducted by professionals that may offer a more controlled and safer atmosphere in consideration of the conditions. Should you choose to use legal fireworks, BE SURE TO OBSERVE THESE SAFETY TIPS:

- * Avoid igniting fireworks on dry grass or wooded areas (consider concrete type surfaces of safe areas)
- * No fireworks permitted on public property
- * Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- * Older children should use fireworks only under close supervision
- * Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
- * Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
- * Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands
- * Never light fireworks indoors
- * Use fireworks away from people, houses and flammable materials (Consider launching and landing locations)
- * Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance
- * Never ignite devices in a container
- * Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- * Keep a bucket of water or other water source nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- * Never use illegal fireworks

The City of Battle Creek ordinance Section 618.20 allows for the use of legal fireworks on the days of June 29th to July 4th after 11:00am until 11:45pm. Also on July 5th IF that date is a Friday or Saturday after 11:00am until 11:45pm. More information is available at battlecreekmi.gov under Chapter 618 Disorderly Conduct. You may also reach out to the Battle Creek Fire Department for any questions or concern at 269-966-3519.