

HAYS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

If you plan on including fireworks in your holiday festivities, the Hays County Fire Marshal's Office reminds you to celebrate safely by following these simple tips:

- Buy from permitted fireworks sellers only and never attempt to make your own fireworks
 - Read and follow label directions, warnings and safety instructions
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
 - Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully
 - Never point or throw fireworks at another person
 - Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly. You should never twist fuses together to shoot off more than one at a time
 - Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire
 - Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them

- Eye and Hearing protection is strongly recommended
- Check the weather and don't discharge fireworks on days of high wind and/or low humidity.
 - Do not discharge fireworks on or over grass or any other material that will burn.
 - Only discharge fireworks on your property or with written consent of the landowner.
- Fireworks may only be sold and discharged from June 24th – July 4th Independence Day or during other approved seasons.

Other approved seasons include:

December 20 and runs through midnight, January 1

February 25 – March 2 Texas Independence Day

April 16 – April 21 San Jacinto Day

The last Wednesday before the last Monday of May through Memorial Day

- **Fireworks are not allowed in Hays County Parks. The sale and possession of fireworks are prohibited within most Hays County incorporated city limits. There are no fireworks restrictions due to weather conditions this July 4th holiday.**

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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