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Celebrating July 4 with your own fireworks? Please remember Lower Paxton's regulations, as well as safe handling tips

Lower Paxton Township, PA (July 2, 2024) – If you plan to set off your own fireworks to celebrate the July 4 holiday, Lower Paxton asks everyone to please abide by the Township's rules and to also keep in mind safe handling guidelines.

Lower Paxton prohibits the discharge of fireworks:

- After 11 p.m. on July 4 and after 10 p.m. on other days.
- On any property of the Township, including, but not limited to streets, sidewalks, public parks or public buildings.
- Within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
- On private property without the express, written permission of the owner.
- within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.
- Into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.
- While the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

Each offense is punishable by a \$100 fine. To view the full ordinance pertaining to fireworks, please visit <https://bit.ly/LPaxFireworksLaw>

Tips for staying safe

Every year, fireworks-related injuries send more than 10,000 people nationwide to emergency rooms. The National Safety Council (NSC) recommends the following tips for safely enjoying fireworks:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks
- Older children should use them only under close adult 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 them indoors
- Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person
- Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Never ignite devices in a container
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
- Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire

For additional information from the NSC, visit: <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/summer-safety/fireworks>

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