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Union City Fireworks Update

As the 4th of July holiday approaches, the City of Union City wants to remind residents about fireworks regulations that are in place to ensure that residents can safely enjoy the use of fireworks.

There is a zero tolerance policy for illegal fireworks in Union City. The use of anything other than the State-approved “safe and sane” fireworks is prohibited and subject to enforcement by an administrative citation and fine of up to \$500. Public signage indicating the City’s zero tolerance enforcement policy are placed each year at all entrances into the City’s jurisdiction.

The City’s Fireworks Ordinance requires that for the following rules to be followed as it relates to the use of “safe and sane” fireworks.

1. Fireworks are allowed to be used between 8:00AM and 10:00PM on July 1-3 and between 8:00AM and 11:00PM on July 4.
2. Fireworks are banned from City parks, buildings, or land owned by the City; all parks will close at 7:30PM on July 4, 2019.
3. Fireworks are not allowed anywhere east of Mission Boulevard.
4. Fireworks are only allowed to be used on private property with the permission of the resident or property owner. Fireworks are not allowed to be used upon, over, or onto the property of another without his or her consent.
5. Fireworks are not allowed on public property, such as public sidewalks and streets.
6. Fireworks are not allowed to be used within ten feet of any residence, dwelling, or other structure used as a place of habitation by human beings.

Public Safety Enforcement and Reporting Illegal Fireworks

Union City Police and Alameda County Fire are carrying out a public safety plan that will include additional patrol and fire units deployed throughout the city. The Police Department receives a high volume of calls every July 4 related to fireworks investigations, so please expect that response may be delayed as a result. The Police Department appreciates in advance the communities help and patience. If you have a complaint about loud fireworks, please call the Police Departments Non-Emergency line at (510) 471-1365 and choose option #1.

Pets and Small Children

We highly encourage you to keep pets, small children and people with noise sensitivity away from fireworks or even indoors to avoid all risk.



The Consumer Product Safety Commission found that in 2017, an estimated 12,900 people were treated in hospital for fireworks related injuries with children younger than 15 years old accounting for more than one-third (36%) of the estimated injuries.

Fireworks Safety Tips:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. If older children are playing with fireworks, always have adult supervision.
- Read the cautionary labels and follow the manufacturer's directions carefully.
- Do not consume alcohol or drugs when using fireworks.
- 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.
- Make sure all people are at a safe distance away from where the firework is being ignited.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire.
- Wait 20 minutes after the firework is launched, then douse it with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Light only one firework at a time.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable July 4th holiday!

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