



CITY OF ABERDEEN FIRE DEPARTMENT CITY OF HOQUIAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



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RE: FIREWORKS

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FIREWORKS INFORMATION

With the Fourth of July holiday approaching, The Aberdeen and Hoquiam Fire Departments wishes everyone to celebrate safely, and would like to remind the public about fireworks regulations and safety.

Within the City of Aberdeen, fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 Midnight of July 4th. In the City of Hoquiam, you can discharge fireworks between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 Midnight on the 3rd and 4th of July.

Fireworks that are legal to discharge with both cities are known as common fireworks and will be labeled with the identification number U.N. 0336 1.4G.

If you decide to discharge fireworks, we ask that you follow these simple safety guidelines:

Be Prepared before you light fireworks:

- Purchase only legal fireworks, available at licensed fireworks stands.
- Ensure safety of pets.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks.
- Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks.
- Call 911 and give the correct address or location if an emergency arises.
- Know basic first aid

Be Safe, when lighting fireworks:

- Have a designated adult light all fireworks.
- Use eye protection.
- Light one firework at a time, move away quickly, and keep spectators at a safe distance until the display is finished.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 15-20 minutes and then soak it in water
- Use only outdoors and away from anything that can burn.
- To prevent injuries, follow the label directions carefully.
- Always remember, do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.

Be Responsible, after you finish:

- Be considerate of neighbors and clean up the debris when finished.
- Make sure all unused fireworks; matches and lighters are out of sight and reach of children.

For additional information, please contact either the Aberdeen Fire Department at 360-532-1254, the Hoquiam Fire Department at 360-532-5700, Extension 262. For other locales, contact your local fire department.

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