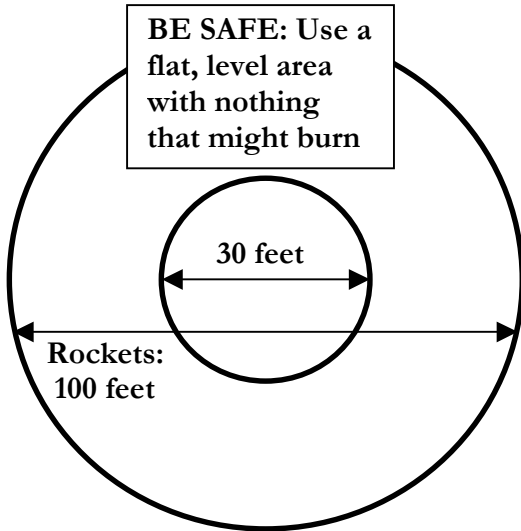




# FIREWORKS SAFETY

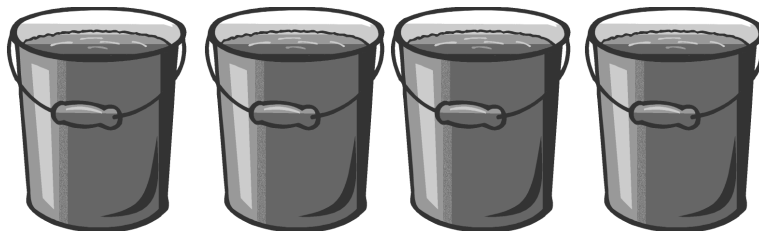


## IN TIME OF DROUGHT



### Fireworks Facts in Extreme Drought

- Every year fireworks cause fires and burns.
- We are in an **EXTREME** Drought. This year especially we are in danger of fireworks-related fires.
- The Safest, Most Patriotic, Most Adult , Best Thing to Do in a drought is to **NOT USE FIREWORKS**. Instead, go to a public fireworks display.
- **IF YOU MUST USE FIREWORKS ANYWAY**, take extra care to teach children about fireworks safety. Keep small children away from fireworks.
- **NO ALCOHOL, NO SMOKING** around fireworks.
- **KEEP PLENTY OF BUCKETS OF WATER HANDY.**



## CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE

Keep Your Friends and Family Safe

Attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display in Kingston, TN

# Fireworks Safety Guidelines

## from West Roane County Volunteer Fire Department

- ▶ **First, read the directions** on each firework before using. Study these guidelines.
- ▶ **Keep plenty of buckets of water handy.** Soak used fireworks 6 hours in water before discarding.
- ▶ **Choose a fireworks operator:**
  - Good:** Use only by a responsible adult or older child under close adult supervision.
  - Better:** Use only by a responsible adult wearing sturdy cotton clothing covering arms, body, and legs.
  - Best: Watch a Professional Fireworks Display.**
- ▶ **Choose a safe place outdoors.**
  - Aerial:** Aerial fireworks such as rockets: bare flat circle at least 100 feet across.
  - Non-aerial:** bare flat circle at least 30 feet across.

Only use fireworks outdoors and away from animals, small children, grass, trees, buildings, tanks, brush, or other material that might burn..

- ▶ **No alcohol. No polyester or nylon clothing.** These are not safe with fireworks.
- ▶ **Keep fireworks away from small children. Even sparklers burn at 1800 degrees F.**
- ▶ **Store fireworks in a cool dry place** away from heat and flames.
- ▶ **Do not let fireworks get wet.** Do not use fireworks that have ever gotten wet.
- ▶ **Never carry fireworks** in your pocket or on your person.
- ▶ **No smoking, no flames.** Fire of any sort should be kept away from fireworks.
- ▶ **Never light fireworks inside a container** such as a bottle or can.
- ▶ **Use eye protection.** Many fireworks injuries involve loss of vision. **Do not throw or aim fireworks at people, animals, or buildings.**
- ▶ **Only light one firework at a time,** then move away quickly.
- ▶ **Do not touch duds. Wait 15-20 minutes, then soak duds in water. Never relight duds.**
- ▶ **Never experiment with fireworks—don't break federal law.**
- ▶ **Do not stand or lean over a firework when lighting.** Except for sparklers, **always use a punk.**

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BE RESPONSIBLE**