



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## **Monterey Park Fire and Police Departments Encourage Fireworks Safety, Warn of Fines for Illegal Use**

*Illegal fireworks will be seized and fines of \$2,000-\$5,000 issued. Safe and Sane fireworks allowed only on July 4 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.*

Monterey Park, Calif. - June 12, 2019 - The City of Monterey Park allows the use of fireworks on July 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only in the city; however, they are not allowed in city parks. Permitted fireworks must be "Safe and Sane" and cannot be modified or altered (MPMC 5.48.190).

Due to the extreme fire dangers in California and to make sure everyone in the community can enjoy the holiday, the city encourages everyone to have a safe Fourth of July holiday by ensuring the use of "Safe and Sane" fireworks only, making sure children are supervised at all times, and taking care of your pets. Many times pets are forgotten during this holiday and many are sensitive to loud noises. The fireworks can scare the animals and cause them to run off. It is recommended to bring your pets indoors and play calming music while the fireworks are being ignited or seek the advice of your local veterinarian before the 4th.

Additionally, the City of Monterey Park Fire Department's [Arson Team](#) and the [Police Department](#) have begun patrolling the city to ensure safe preservation of the community. The city has adopted a new fine schedule for the use and/or sale of illegal fireworks. Individuals failing to comply with the city's fireworks ordinance and found with illegal fireworks or igniting fireworks before July 4 may be susceptible to fines ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per occurrence and confiscation of the fireworks. Fireworks seized will be destroyed in the interest of public safety and the citee may be liable for the cost of destruction of confiscated fireworks.

So, enjoy the Fourth of July holiday, but remember to use Safe and Sane only within the allowable times. If you and your family would like to celebrate somewhere other than your home, join the City of Monterey Park at its [Fourth of July Celebration](#) at Barnes Park at 350 S. McPherrin Avenue. Festivities begin at 2:30 p.m. For more information about Monterey Park's Fourth of July Celebration, visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/4thofJuly](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/4thofJuly).

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